
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR NOT TO ADDRESS THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET SHORTFALL BY REDUCING OR RESTRICTING THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION'S AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S CURRENT
APPROPRIATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed to reduce or restrict
2 the Department of Education's current fiscal year appropriation
3 by \$90,900,000, and the University of Hawaii's appropriation by
4 \$29,400,000 to address the Council of Revenues' projected
5 reduction in revenues for this fiscal year; and
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7 WHEREAS, pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
8 Act of 2009, the Governor is expected to receive funds from the
9 federal government through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
10 (SFSF) program; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed to apply for
13 \$130,300,000 in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) pursuant
14 to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to
15 replace these reduced or restricted funds; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Governor's plan will leave only \$36,900,000 in
18 SFSF funds to replace the current executive budget and
19 legislative reductions of over \$100,000,000 to both the
20 Department of Education and University of Hawaii budgets for the
21 2009-2011 fiscal biennium; and
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23 WHEREAS, as a condition for receiving SFSF funds, the
24 Governor is expected to allocate SFSF funds to advance essential
25 education reforms to benefit students from early learning
26 through post-secondary education, including such uses as
27 college- and career-ready standards and high-quality, valid, and
28 reliable assessments for all students, development and use of
29 pre-kindergarten through post-secondary and career data systems,
30 increasing teacher effectiveness and ensuring an equitable

1 distribution of qualified teachers, and turning around the
2 lowest-performing schools; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
7 not to address the 2009 fiscal year budget shortfall by reducing
8 or restricting the Department of Education's and University of
9 Hawaii's current appropriations, but, with the Legislature,
10 Department of Education, and University of Hawaii, develop a
11 plan to use the SFSF funds to stabilize funding for the
12 Department of Education and University of Hawaii for the 2009-
13 2011 fiscal biennium; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
17 of Budget and Finance, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
18 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the University of
19 Hawaii Board of Regents, and President of the University of
20 Hawaii.