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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY TO EXAMINE THE IMPACTS OF A LONGER SCHOOL DAY FOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy Number 4160 requires
2 that a student's day shall be based on no less than thirty hours
3 per week, distributed over a five-day week; and
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5 WHEREAS, if the student's parent, guardian, or other adult
6 having legal responsibility for, or care of, the student is
7 employed for more than thirty hours a week, this leaves a
8 significant amount of time when the student may be either left
9 unattended or enrolled in before- or after-school programs; and
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11 WHEREAS, more time spent in a quality learning environment
12 increases a student's opportunity for improved learning; and
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14 WHEREAS, increasing the length of the school day will
15 provide more opportunities for both academic and enrichment
16 curriculum and programs; and
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18 WHEREAS, increasing the length of the school day may result
19 in a shorter school year, which could save on operational and
20 other costs to the Department of Education; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
25 Education is requested to conduct a feasibility study to examine
26 the fiscal, curriculum, and other impacts of a longer school day
27 for elementary school students; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
30 requested to consider and include in the feasibility study:
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- (1) Current average numbers of classroom hours and instruction days statewide for students in kindergarten through grades five and six;
- (2) Current curriculum and other content offerings and how these might be augmented in an extended school day;
- (3) Whether increasing the length of the school day would result in decreasing the number of school days per year;
- (4) Fiscal and non-fiscal impacts, by area;
- (5) Potential schedules for changes to the school calendar, by school year and by area;
- (6) Any utility or operational savings from any decrease in the number of school days per year; and
- (7) Any other information that may be relevant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010, including any requests for additional funding or legislation required for implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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