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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP FORMED BY HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE USES OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONIES, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
2 Act of 2009, the Governor is expected to receive a one-time
3 appropriation from the federal government through the State
4 Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program; and

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6 WHEREAS, as a condition of the appropriation, the Governor
7 is expected to allocate SFSF funds to advance essential
8 education reforms to benefit students from early learning
9 through post-secondary education, including such uses as
10 college- and career- ready standards and high-quality, valid and
11 reliable assessments for all students, development and use of
12 pre-kindergarten through post-secondary and career data systems,
13 increasing teacher effectiveness and ensuring an equitable
14 distribution of qualified teachers, and turning around the
15 lowest-performing schools; and

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17 WHEREAS, a working group has been convened by Hawaii's
18 congressional delegation to consider appropriate uses of SFSF
19 monies and examine and determine the most appropriate uses of
20 the anticipated SFSF funds in Hawaii; and

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22 WHEREAS, the working group includes representatives of
23 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the University of Hawaii, the
24 Department of Education, and the Legislature, thereby capturing
25 the intent and recommendations of the Legislature at both
26 federal and state levels, and by the lower and higher education
27 executive departments that stand to directly benefit from the
28 use of the SFSF monies; and

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30 WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent receipt and
31 decision-making on the expenditure of SFSF monies, the working
32 group is currently examining the requirements for the proper use



1 of SFSF monies and will be issuing recommendations for the most
2 appropriate use of the funds; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
6 that upon issuance of the recommendations of the working group,
7 the Governor is requested to accept the recommendations as the
8 most appropriate uses of SFSF monies and authorize the
9 expenditure of SFSF monies consistent with the recommendations
10 of the working group; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to members of the working group, the
14 Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives.

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