
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR
PILOT PROGRAM TO OFFER ONLINE INSTRUCTION TO MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawaii Board of Education is to
2 promote excellence and equity in Hawaii's public schools and
3 enable all students to meet their own unique and varied
4 potentials; and

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6 WHEREAS, the traditional classroom instruction offered by
7 the Department of Education does not meet the needs of every
8 student; and

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10 WHEREAS, some students learn at a faster rate than their
11 peers, which causes those students to become bored at school;
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14 WHEREAS, an online instruction program for middle and high
15 school students, which allows students to participate in courses
16 from home, could provide students an opportunity to learn at
17 their own pace; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in the midst of an
20 unprecedented fiscal crisis; and

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22 WHEREAS, an instructional program that requires students to
23 conduct most of their studies online could lower the cost of
24 public education by reducing the number of teachers needed and
25 cutting the cost of operating school facilities; now, therefore

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
30 is requested to establish a two-year pilot program to offer



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1 online instruction to middle and high school students in the
2 public school system; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to consider structuring the pilot program to provide
6 online instruction and require students enrolled in the pilot
7 program to meet in person once a week during the school year;
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
11 requested to submit a preliminary report to the Legislature no
12 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
13 Session of 2011, and a final report to the Legislature no later
14 than twenty days prior to the convening Regular Session of 2012;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
18 the preliminary and final reports include information on the
19 cost of the pilot program, the impact of the pilot program on
20 students and teachers who participate in the program, and the
21 academic achievement of student participants; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Board
25 of Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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