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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A  
CONSISTENT FUNDING FORMULA, PROCESS, OR BOTH, BY WHICH  
EQUITABLE FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IS DETERMINED.

1 WHEREAS, charter schools in Hawaii are public schools  
2 funded out of the Department of Education's budget; and  
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4 WHEREAS, section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides  
5 some direction in determining which categories of funds are  
6 included in the calculation of per-pupil funding to charter  
7 schools; and  
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9 WHEREAS, despite existing law, issues regarding the parity  
10 of per-pupil funding to charter schools versus non-charter  
11 public schools have arisen, with no resolution because of  
12 disagreement over what is included and excluded in the  
13 calculation of the per-pupil allocations; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the inconsistent calculation of charter school  
16 funding should be addressed to ensure that an equitable amount  
17 of resources and opportunities for learning are provided to  
18 charter school students and public non-charter school students;  
19 now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the following are  
24 requested to convene as members of the Charter Schools Funding  
25 Task Force:  
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27 (1) The Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School  
28 Administrative Office;

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30 (2) The Chief Financial Officer of the Department of  
31 Education;  
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1 (3) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;

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3 (4) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives  
4 Committee on Finance;

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6 (5) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and  
7 Means; and

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9 (6) A representative of the Hookakoo Corporation,

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11 to determine a funding formula, process, or both, to be used by  
12 all agencies in the calculation of charter school funding in the  
13 State; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding  
16 Task Force examine the following in making its determinations:

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18 (1) Detailed information on the existing funding sources  
19 of the charter schools' per-pupil allocation;

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21 (2) Detailed information on the Department of Budget and  
22 Finance's method of calculating the Department of  
23 Education's per-pupil allocation and the charter  
24 schools' per-pupil allocation amounts;

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26 (3) Discrepancies and the reasons for discrepancies in  
27 calculations of per-pupil allocations for non-charter  
28 public schools and charter schools by various  
29 agencies; and

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31 (4) The portion of debt service, repair and maintenance,  
32 and capital improvement expenses to be paid by charter  
33 schools; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School  
36 Administrative Office provide staff support for the Task Force;  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding  
40 Task Force submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
41 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
42 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
43 of 2011; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 3 Education, the Executive Director of the Charter School  
 4 Administrative Office, the Chairperson of the Charter School  
 5 Review Panel, the Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School  
 6 Administrative Office, the Chief Financial Officer of the  
 7 Department of Education, the Director of Finance, the  
 8 Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on  
 9 Finance, the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and  
 10 Means, and the Hookakoo Corporation.  
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