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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
30 Education is requested to establish a two-year pilot program to



1 offer online instruction to middle and high school students in  
2 the 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;  
8 and  
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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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