
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF AND STEPS THAT MUST BE
TAKEN TO EFFECTUATE TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS ON MILITARY BASES
IN HAWAII TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITY.

1 WHEREAS, more than 15,000 students in Hawaii public
2 schools, or approximately eight per cent of the total student
3 population, are children of military families; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education receives
6 federal Impact Aid, which is intended to assist the school
7 system in covering the increased expenditures due to the
8 enrollment of federally connected students, including the
9 children of military families; and
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11 WHEREAS, the amount of Impact Aid received by the
12 Department of Education is not sufficient to cover the costs of
13 educating the children of military families in Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, Congress recently declared that military
16 dependents may pay income taxes in their home state, which may
17 reduce the amount of income taxes the State of Hawaii receives
18 from military dependents and, in turn, may further reduce the
19 amount of money available for public education; and
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21 WHEREAS, there are a number of schools in Hawaii that are
22 located on military bases; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense Education Activity
25 operates schools for eligible family members of United States
26 military personnel and civilian personnel of the Department of
27 Defense; and
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1 WHEREAS, through its Domestic Dependent Elementary and
2 Secondary Schools program, the Department of Defense Education
3 Activity operates schools in seven states; and
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5 WHEREAS, transferring the public schools located on
6 military bases in Hawaii to the Department of Defense Education
7 Activity may alleviate the financial burden placed on the
8 Department of Education and on Hawaii taxpayers; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
13 is requested to report on the feasibility of and steps that
14 would need to be taken to effectuate transferring the public
15 schools located on military bases to the Department of Defense
16 Education Activity; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
19 requested to submit any findings and recommendations to the
20 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's
25 congressional delegation, the Governor, the Chairperson of the
26 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the
27 Commander, United States Pacific Command.
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