
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE
LEGISLATURE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS IN EACH SCHOOL DAY.

1 WHEREAS, student test scores are used to determine whether
2 public schools meet their adequate yearly progress targets under
3 the federal No Child Left Behind Act; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the last three school years, the number of
6 Hawaii public schools that have met adequate yearly progress
7 requirements has declined; and
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9 WHEREAS, for the 2008-2009 school year, of the two hundred
10 eighty-four public schools in Hawaii, only ninety-seven schools
11 met adequate yearly progress requirements, and ninety-one
12 schools must undergo restructuring; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current budget crisis has resulted in teacher
15 furloughs, which reduced the number of instructional days by
16 seventeen days in each of the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school
17 years; and
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19 WHEREAS, due to teacher furloughs, Hawaii now has the
20 shortest school year in the country; and
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22 WHEREAS, schools on the mainland have extended the length
23 of their school days to approximately eight hours a day, which
24 includes one recess and lunch break; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii public schools offer as little as five
27 hours of instruction per school day; and
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1 WHEREAS, increasing the number of instructional hours in
 2 each school day would provide public school students with a
 3 greater opportunity to learn and may raise student test scores;
 4 now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
 9 is requested to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of
 10 increasing the number of instructional hours in each school day;
 11 and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 14 requested to submit its report, including any proposed
 15 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 16 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 20 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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