
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNOR, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE FURLOUGH FRIDAYS.

1 WHEREAS, in order to compete in the global economy,
2 Hawaii's students must have adequate classroom time to be able
3 to meet high academic standards; and
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5 WHEREAS, in collective bargaining negotiations the Board of
6 Education and the Department of Education, together with the
7 concurrence of the Governor, representing management, and the
8 Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), representing teachers,
9 agreed to a two year contract that resulted, in part, in 17
10 furlough days and 163 teaching days; and
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12 WHEREAS, the agreement was subsequently ratified by a vote
13 of HSTA members; and
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15 WHEREAS, the contract is now before the Legislature for
16 funding; and
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18 WHEREAS, 163 teaching days gives Hawaii the shortest school
19 year in the nation, thereby adversely impacting the education of
20 our students; and
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22 WHEREAS, in addition, the furlough days financially burden
23 the working families of Hawaii since parents must consider
24 missing work, paying for child care or making other arrangements
25 for their supervision; and
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27 WHEREAS, Governor Lingle has proposed and the House of
28 Representatives as expressed in HB2963, both support using the
29 Emergency Budget Reserve Fund to reduce furlough days; and
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1 WHEREAS, to ensure the proper education for the students of
 2 Hawaii, it is critical that both management and labor return to
 3 the bargaining table and negotiate a contract to reduce
 4 furloughs and increase instructional days; 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 Board of Education and
 9 the Department of Education, in concurrence with the Governor,
 10 and the Hawaii State Teachers Association are strongly urged to
 11 return to the bargaining table to reopen negotiations with the
 12 intent to reduce furloughs and increase instructional days; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
 16 of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the President of
 17 the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and the Governor of the
 18 State of Hawaii.

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