
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW VACANT CLASSROOMS TO
BE USED BY CHARTER SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 14, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,
2 required the Department of Education to submit annual reports
3 identifying vacant classrooms for conversion into early learning
4 facilities; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department has identified in its December 2009
7 annual report that eighty vacant public school classrooms are
8 available; and

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10 WHEREAS, these eighty classrooms are located in various
11 public elementary and middle schools on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and
12 Kauai; and

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14 WHEREAS, these classrooms are at schools such as Aliiolani
15 Elementary School, Kalihi-Kai Elementary School, Wahiawa Middle
16 School, Waianae Intermediate School, Kailua Intermediate School,
17 Kapaa Middle School, Haiku Elementary School, and Keaau Middle
18 School; and

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20 WHEREAS, the report also indicates that it would cost
21 approximately \$7,204,000 to convert these eighty classrooms for
22 early learning uses; and

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24 WHEREAS, there is increased demand for public charter
25 schools and a lack of public charter school facilities; and

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27 WHEREAS, there were over 2,800 students on waitlists who
28 were unable to enroll in public charter schools during the 2008-
29 2009 school year due to a lack of adequate capacity to
30 accommodate them, according to the Charter School Administrative
31 Office; and

1 WHEREAS, some public charter schools do not have
2 conventional classrooms and must use tents, shipping containers,
3 trailers, and other make-shift structures as classrooms; and
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5 WHEREAS, the need for public charter school facilities is
6 as important as the need for early learning facilities; and
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8 WHEREAS, some of the eighty vacant classrooms may not be
9 located in areas where early learning facilities are in demand,
10 but may be appropriate locations for public charter school
11 classrooms; and
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13 WHEREAS, the cost of converting vacant classrooms to early
14 learning facilities are likely to cost more than providing the
15 vacant classrooms for public charter school use; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
20 prioritize a portion of the eighty vacant classrooms for use by
21 public charter schools; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and
24 the Charter School Administrative Office shall coordinate and
25 allow the use of vacant school classrooms by public charter
26 schools; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a list of vacant classrooms to
29 be set aside for public charter schools be prepared promptly and
30 this list be provided to the Twenty-Fifth Legislature before it
31 adjourns in May 2010; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
35 Education and the Charter School Administrative Office.
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38 OFFERED BY: _____

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40 BY REQUEST

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