
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public education system is constantly
2 criticized for the inadequate delivery of educational services
3 and poor student achievement; and
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5 WHEREAS, the large bureaucracy of the Department of
6 Education (DOE) presents roadblocks that could prevent DOE and
7 the individual schools from successfully performing their duties
8 and serving the needs of Hawaii's children; and
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10 WHEREAS, more recently, DOE became the subject of local and
11 national news when furloughs were imposed in public schools,
12 thereby reducing the number of instructional days for students;
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15 WHEREAS, departmental leadership was decentralized through
16 the creation of the complex area system with the intent of
17 placing a greater number of decisions and a larger percentage of
18 moneys directly in the hands of the individual schools and their
19 leaders; and
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21 WHEREAS, the public has raised many questions about DOE's
22 operations, including its finances and management; and
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24 WHEREAS, a financial and management audit of DOE is long
25 overdue; and



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1 WHEREAS, Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, aimed to
2 implement comprehensive reform in Hawaii's public schools by,
3 among other things:

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5 (1) Reducing the bureaucracy that hampers the
6 effectiveness of DOE; and
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8 (2) Focusing more resources and control at the individual
9 school level;

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13 WHEREAS, today, DOE remains under close public scrutiny,
14 both locally and nationally; and

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16 WHEREAS, an audit of DOE would serve to further improve the
17 critical educational services provided by this large taxpayer-
18 funded institution which absorbs a large percentage of the State
19 budget, by examining in-depth the effectiveness and efficiency
20 of departmental operations, both at the management and
21 administrative levels, including:

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23 (1) Organization and management of DOE, especially with
24 regard to personnel; and
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26 (2) Efficacy of fiscal operations, especially with respect
27 to spending and accountability;

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31 WHEREAS, it is imperative that DOE remains committed to
32 providing quality education for all of Hawaii's children,
33 ensuring that all staff members and resources are dedicated to
34 that mission; and

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36 WHEREAS, an audit of DOE would serve to ensure that the
37 agency adheres to its mission to provide all of Hawaii's
38 children with the tools they need to prepare them to be
39 successful in a global society; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
 4 perform a financial and management audit of DOE, which shall
 5 focus on the departmental level; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor submit a report of
 8 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
 9 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 10 2011; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson
 14 of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	

