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## HOUSE 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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29           WHEREAS, increasing the number of instructional hours in  
30 each school day would provide public school students with a

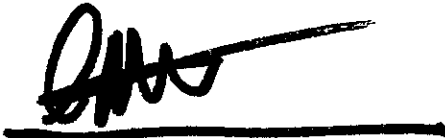


1 greater opportunity to learn and may raise student test scores;  
2 now, therefore,

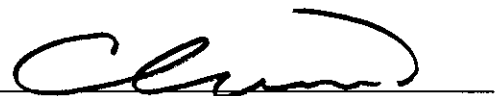
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2010, that the Department of Education is requested to report  
7 to the Legislature on the feasibility of increasing the number  
8 of instructional hours in each school day; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
11 requested to submit its report, including any proposed  
12 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
13 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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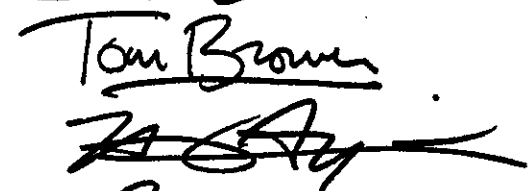
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
17 Education and the Superintendent of Education.  
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