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## HOUSE 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, that the Board of Education and the Department of  
 9 Education, in concurrence with the Governor, and the Hawaii  
 10 State Teachers Association are strongly urged to return to the  
 11 bargaining table to reopen negotiations with the intent to  
 12 reduce furloughs and increase instructional days; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of  
 16 Education, the Superintendent of Education, the President of the  
 17 Hawaii State Teachers Association, and the Governor of the State  
 18 of Hawaii.

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