
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A
CONSISTENT FUNDING FORMULA, PROCESS, OR BOTH, BY WHICH
EQUITABLE FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IS DETERMINED.

1 WHEREAS, charter schools in Hawaii are public schools
2 funded out of the Department of Education's budget; and

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4 WHEREAS, section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
5 some direction in determining which categories of funds are
6 included in the calculation of per-pupil funding to charter
7 schools; and

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9 WHEREAS, despite existing law, issues regarding the parity
10 of per-pupil funding to charter schools versus non-charter
11 public schools have arisen, with no resolution because of
12 disagreement over what is included and excluded in the
13 calculation of the per-pupil allocations; and

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15 WHEREAS, the inconsistent calculation of charter school
16 funding should be addressed to ensure that an equitable amount
17 of resources and opportunities for learning are provided to
18 charter school students and public non-charter school students;
19 now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the following are
24 requested to convene as members of the Charter Schools Funding
25 Task Force:

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27 (1) The Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School
28 Administrative Office;

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30 (2) The Chief Financial Officer of the Department of
31 Education;



- 1 (3) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;
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- 3 (4) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
- 4 Committee on Finance;
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- 6 (5) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and
- 7 Means;
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- 9 (6) A representative of the Hookakoo Corporation;
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- 11 (7) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools
- 12 Network, or the Executive Director's designee; and
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- 14 (8) A representative of the Charter School Review Panel,
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- 16 to determine a funding formula, process, or both, to be used by
- 17 all agencies in the calculation of charter school funding in the
- 18 State; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding
 21 Task Force examine the following in making its determinations:

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- 23 (1) Detailed information on the existing funding sources
- 24 of the charter schools' per-pupil allocation;
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- 26 (2) Detailed information on the Department of Budget and
- 27 Finance's method of calculating the Department of
- 28 Education's per-pupil allocation and the charter
- 29 schools' per-pupil allocation amounts;
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- 31 (3) Discrepancies and the reasons for discrepancies in
- 32 calculations of per-pupil allocations for non-charter
- 33 public schools and charter schools by various
- 34 agencies; and
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- 36 (4) The portion of debt service, repair and maintenance,
- 37 and capital improvement expenses that should be paid
- 38 by charter schools; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School
 41 Administrative Office is requested to provide staff support for
 42 the Task Force; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding
2 Task Force submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2011; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
9 Education, Executive Director of the Charter School
10 Administrative Office, Chairperson of the Charter School Review
11 Panel, Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School
12 Administrative Office, Chief Financial Officer of the Department
13 of Education, Director of Finance, Chairperson of the House of
14 Representatives Committee on Finance, Chairperson of the Senate
15 Committee on Ways and Means, Hookakoo Corporation, and Executive
16 Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network.

