
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING RESEARCH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY GROUP TO
INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S DETERMINATION OF ITS
CORE MISSION AND CORE FUNCTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, especially in times of economic downturn when
2 public funding must be channeled toward the most essential
3 services and programs, a determination of the priorities of a
4 public agency can provide meaningful guidance to policy makers
5 and public leaders as they make difficult decisions about which
6 services and programs to fund and not fund; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Education, the Legislature, the
9 Governor, and the general public appear to lack a clear agreed-
10 upon understanding or determination of the Department's core
11 mission and core functions; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's lack of a core
14 mission and core functions makes it difficult to distinguish the
15 essential duties and responsibilities of the Department and the
16 public school system from the elements that are beneficial but
17 perhaps not as necessary; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of
20 Education, in consultation with the Board of Education, should
21 develop or determine its core mission and core functions to more
22 easily justify or assess the need for the programs and services
23 that it provides; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that in order for
26 the Department of Education to determine its core mission and
27 core functions, the Department requires better information,
28 input, and examples for a suitable process of identifying what
29 its core mission and core functions should be or should include;
30 now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
4 Reference Bureau is requested to perform research on the core
5 mission and core functions of selected school districts, and to
6 identify the core mission and core functions of these school
7 districts, whether determined through statutory mandates,
8 strategic planning initiatives, public input, or other means;
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
12 Bureau is requested to submit the research performed pursuant to
13 this concurrent resolution and any findings and recommendations
14 in a report to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Educational Policy
18 Center is requested to convene a policy group to recommend a
19 suitable process by which the Department of Education may
20 determine its core mission and core functions; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the policy
23 group consist of the following members:

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25 (1) Two Hawaii teachers who are recipients of the Milken
26 Educator Award appointed by the Director of the Hawaii
27 Educational Policy Center;
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29 (2) Two Hawaii principals who are recipients of the Milken
30 Educator Award appointed by the Director of the Hawaii
31 Educational Policy Center;
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33 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives;
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36 (4) One member appointed by the Senate President;
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38 (5) One member appointed by the Governor;
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40 (6) Two members appointed by the Superintendent of
41 Education;
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43 (7) Two members appointed by the Teacher Education
44 Coordinating Committee; and



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2 (8) One member appointed by the Board of Education; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
5 process developed by the policy group also allow the Department
6 of Education to rank or classify the Department's programs and
7 services by the extent to which those programs and services
8 accomplish the Department's determined core mission and core
9 functions; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy group is requested
12 to submit its findings and recommendations, including any
13 suggested legislation, in a separate report to the Legislature
14 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
15 Session of 2011; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
20 Senate, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the
21 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
22 Education, and the Chairperson of the Teacher Education
23 Coordinating Committee.

