
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEFER DECISION-MAKING ON THE CLOSURE OF LILIUOKALANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNTIL THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SEATED.

1 WHEREAS, in November 2010, Hawaii voters approved a
2 constitutional amendment that authorized the Governor to appoint
3 members of the Board of Education; and
4

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently holding hearings on
6 measures that would determine an appropriate transition process
7 from an elected Board of Education to an appointed Board of
8 Education; and
9

10 WHEREAS, the current members of the Board of Education
11 remain in their position only until the appropriate transition
12 process is determined by the Legislature and approved and
13 executed by the Governor; and
14

15 WHEREAS, the current elected members of the Board of
16 Education will not necessarily be the same members that will
17 constitute the upcoming appointed members of the Board of
18 Education; and
19

20 WHEREAS, the occurrence of the transition from an elected
21 Board of Education to an appointed Board of Education is
22 imminent; and
23

24 WHEREAS, very important decisions continue to be placed
25 before the elected members of the Board of Education, including
26 whether to close Liliuokalani Elementary School; and
27

28 WHEREAS, Liliuokalani Elementary School is a community
29 fixture and a place of pride and fond memories for the,
30 students, alumni, and residents of Kaimuki; and
31

32 WHEREAS, Liliuokalani Elementary School is truly a
33 neighborhood school where sixty-three per cent of the students



H.R. NO. 34

1 actually reside in the district area of the school, in contrast
 2 to other schools with a much lower percentage of district area
 3 students; and
 4

5 WHEREAS, the proposed economic savings to the State by
 6 virtue of closing Liliuokalani Elementary School are uncertain;
 7 much of the projected savings will ultimately become expenses to
 8 the other schools that receive the students displaced from
 9 Liliuokalani Elementary; now, therefore,
 10

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 12 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 13 of 2011, that the current Board of Education is requested to
 14 defer decision-making on whether to close Liliuokalani
 15 Elementary School until the new Board of Education is appointed
 16 by the Governor and seated; and
 17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 20 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
 21
 22
 23

OFFERED BY:

Calvin K. Aoy
Jarman Manuato
[Signature]
[Signature]

FEB 09 2011

