
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR DETERMINING IF
A SCHOOL IS MEETING "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" COMPLIANCE.

1 WHEREAS, ACT is a national college admission and placement
2 exam in English, math, reading, and science that is administered
3 in all fifty states in the United States including 22% of
4 students in schools in the State of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, ACT is recognized as being a curriculum-based
7 examination rather than an aptitude test that directly relates
8 to the content of what high school students should be taught and
9 provides students, their teachers, and career counselors with a
10 comprehensive profile of a student's work; and
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been awarded competitive Race to the
13 Top Federal Grant funds in the amount of \$75 million to address
14 poor performing schools and has committed to a goal of ensuring
15 all Hawaii high school graduates are college and career ready
16 by school year 2017-2018; and
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18 WHEREAS, as part of the Race to the Top obligations, the
19 State has committed to adopting the Common Core Curriculum in
20 math, English and science being developed by the National
21 Governors Association in conjunction with the National
22 Association of Superintendents of Schools; and
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24 WHEREAS, teachers and counselors who administer the Hawaii
25 State Assessment (HSA) indicate that the costs of administering
26 the tests are high and the test results are not sufficiently
27 timely to provide feedback to teachers to adjust their lesson
28 plans or for students to identify areas where they may need
29 additional study or tutoring; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) requires a
 2 significant expenditure of student learning time and teaching
 3 time to be used for test preparation; and
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5 WHEREAS, ACT is recognized and accepted as a college
 6 entrance examination by colleges and universities throughout the
 7 United States, the costs of taking the exam are relatively
 8 minor, and the results are available promptly for teachers,
 9 counselors, and students to use to adjust their instruction,
 10 counseling and learning patterns; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2011, that a letter be prepared by the Superintendent of
 15 Education to the United States Department of Education and the
 16 United States Congress asking that states be allowed to accept
 17 ACT as a benchmark for determining compliance by school
 18 districts for applicable grade levels with the requirements of
 19 the federal "No Child Left Behind"; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the State Board of
 23 Education, the Hawaii Superintendent of Education, the Governor
 24 of the State of Hawaii; the members of the Hawaii Congressional
 25 Delegation; the United States Secretary of Education, and the
 26 principals of each public high school in the State of Hawaii.
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