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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BETTER ALIGN PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM WITH DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR COUNTIES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's adult education
2 program, also referred to as community schools for adults,
3 provides a much-needed service for the State's undereducated
4 community; and

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6 WHEREAS, the adult education program offers a number of
7 courses, including adult general education diploma (GED)
8 programs, English as a second language classes, citizenship
9 classes, computer skills programs, and special interest courses;
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12 WHEREAS, the adult education program is a vital public
13 resource at a time when securing a job has become more difficult
14 for many of Hawaii's adults; and

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16 WHEREAS, the adult education program assists people who
17 dropped out or were kicked out of school, immigrants, and
18 longtime residents in improving their skills; and

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20 WHEREAS, portions of the adult education program may be
21 better placed under certain departments or agencies within the
22 State or counties rather than the Department of Education; now,
23 therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
27 that the Office of the Governor is requested to convene a
28 working group to examine the possible reorganization of the
29 Department of Education's adult education program to better
30 align portions of the program with departments or agencies of
31 the State or counties rather than the Department of Education;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may include
2 the following:

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- 4 (1) Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, or the
5 Chair's designee;
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- 7 (2) Chair of the House Committee on Education, or the
8 Chair's designee;
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- 10 (3) Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's
11 designee;
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- 13 (4) Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, or the
14 Director's designee;
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- 16 (5) Director of Human Services, or the Director's
17 designee;
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- 19 (6) Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 21 (7) President of the University of Hawaii System, or the
22 President's designee;
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- 24 (8) Vice President of the University of Hawaii Community
25 Colleges, or the Vice President's designee;
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- 27 (9) Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging,
28 or the Executive Director's designee;
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- 30 (10) Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
31 Mayor's designee;
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- 33 (11) Mayor of the County of Hawaii, or the Mayor's
34 designee;
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- 36 (12) Mayor of the County of Kauai, or the Mayor's designee;
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- 38 (13) Mayor of the County of Maui, or the Mayor's designee;
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- 40 (14) President of the Hawaii Government Employees
41 Association, or the President's designee; and
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- 43 (15) Any other individuals as may be identified and
44 designated to participate in the working group by the



1 Office of the Governor to further the purposes of the
2 working group; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the working group
5 not be considered employees of the State for purposes of chapter
6 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, based solely upon their
7 participation on the working group; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be exempt
10 from the requirements of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation
15 and funding recommendations, to the Legislature no later than
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
17 2013; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of
21 Education, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, Director
22 of Human Services, Director of Health, President of the
23 University of Hawaii System, Vice President of the University of
24 Hawaii Community Colleges, Executive Director of the Executive
25 Office on Aging, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
26 of the County of Hawaii, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of
27 the County of Maui, and the President of the Hawaii Government
28 Employees Association.
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