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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM  
TO SELECT AND EVALUATE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS.

1 WHEREAS, ensuring that teachers have access to professional  
2 development and continuing education contributes to nurturing  
3 higher quality teachers and improved learning in the classroom;  
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (Board)  
7 establishes licensing standards that govern teacher licensing in  
8 Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Board also include  
11 approving teacher education programs that meet the standards  
12 established by the Board; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Board is also authorized to conduct  
15 professional development activities related to its standards;  
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18 WHEREAS, the Board currently does not select continuing  
19 teacher education programs; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Teacher  
24 Standards Board is urged to establish a program to select and  
25 evaluate activities related to the professional development of  
26 teachers; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Teacher Standards  
29 Board is urged to adopt rules governing the procedures and  
30 criteria for the selection and periodic evaluation of the  
31 professional development activities and any contractors who are



1 selected to conduct professional development activities for  
2 teachers; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director  
6 and the Chairperson of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, and  
7 the Superintendent of Education.  
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