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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's public education system has been  
2 criticized for its inadequate delivery of educational services  
3 and for poor student achievement; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the large bureaucracy of the Department of  
6 Education presents roadblocks that may prevent the Department of  
7 Education and the individual schools from successfully  
8 performing their duties and serving the needs of Hawaii's  
9 children; and  
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11           WHEREAS, during the 2009-2010 school year, the Department  
12 became the subject of local and national news when furloughs  
13 were imposed in the public schools, reducing the number of  
14 instructional days for students; and  
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16           WHEREAS, despite attempts to implement comprehensive reform  
17 in Hawaii's public schools, the Department of Education remains  
18 under close public scrutiny, both locally and nationally; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the public has raised many questions about the  
21 Department's operations, including its finances and management;  
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24           WHEREAS, specific funds and programs of the Department of  
25 Education have been audited in recent years, but the last  
26 comprehensive audit of the Department of Education's entire  
27 organization, management processes, and personnel administration  
28 was conducted in 1973; and  
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1 WHEREAS, another review of the Department of Education's  
2 spending, administrative, and managerial practices is long  
3 overdue; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
8 requested to perform a financial and management audit of the  
9 Department of Education that focuses on the departmental level;  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
13 include, as part of its audit, an analysis of the Department of  
14 Education's practices and procedures regarding:

- 15 (1) Budget;
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- 17 (2) Procurement; and
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- 19 (3) Vendors and contractors (e.g., continuing education
- 20 providers, bus service, etc.); and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
24 submit a report of any findings and recommendations to the  
25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
26 the Regular Session of 2014; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
30 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of  
31 Education.  
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