
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO REINSTATE WEIGHTED FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AND TEACHERS IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT LEARNING.

1 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Department of Education unilaterally
2 changed the staffing methodology for special education teachers
3 from a weighted to proportional formula based upon the
4 percentage of a school district's special education student
5 enrollment to the State's total special education enrollment;
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8 WHEREAS, due to the changes made by the Department of
9 Education, funding for special education and special education
10 teachers was significantly reduced such that it adversely
11 impacted the needs of special education students across the
12 State; and
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14 WHEREAS, the reduction in funding for special education has
15 had a direct effect on classroom instruction - specifically, the
16 loss of special education teachers and educational assistant
17 positions, as well as the loss of the \$1,690 previously
18 allocated to each special education teacher for instructional
19 materials and equipment in support of student learning; and
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21 WHEREAS, the loss of funding for special education has
22 resulted in the reduction of the quality of special education
23 services and instruction, unacceptable teaching conditions for
24 special education teachers, increased transfers by teachers out
25 of special education positions, and placement of unlicensed and
26 newly hired teachers in special education; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature strongly supports Hawaii's public
29 education system, its teachers, and students; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
4 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Board of
5 Education and the Department of Education are requested to
6 reinstate a weighted funding methodology for special education
7 programs and teachers in support of student learning; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
11 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY: *J. M. ...*
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