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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND  
IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
IN KAPOLEI, EWA, WAIPAHU, MILILANI, AND PEARL CITY.

1 WHEREAS, Kapolei, Ewa, and Waipahu are some of the fastest-  
2 growing communities on Oahu and in the State as a whole; and  
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4 WHEREAS, large numbers of young families with school-aged  
5 children are moving to Kapolei, Ewa, and Waipahu because of the  
6 relatively more-affordable housing in these areas; and  
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8 WHEREAS, student enrollment is projected to increase at  
9 public schools in Kapolei, Ewa, Waipahu, Mililani, and Pearl  
10 City; and  
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12 WHEREAS, when overcrowding at public schools occurs, it  
13 adversely affects both teaching conditions for teachers and  
14 learning conditions for students; and  
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16 WHEREAS, because of overcrowding, there are reports of  
17 public school teachers who must teach classes that are  
18 startlingly large in size; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is developing a plan  
21 to construct new school and classroom facilities at some of the  
22 areas affected by student overpopulation; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 as a lump  
25 sum to the Department of Education to address overcrowding in  
26 public schools; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
31 Education is requested to further develop and implement a plan



1 to address overcrowding in public schools in Kapolei, Ewa,  
2 Waipahu, Mililani, and Pearl City; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
5 requested to include in its plan input from the Hawaii State  
6 Teachers Association and state legislators representing Kapolei,  
7 Ewa, Waipahu, Mililani, and Pearl City; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
10 requested to submit a report with a summary of its plan and its  
11 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
12 legislation, to the Legislature no later than December 20, 2016;  
13 and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
17 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

