
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE
TO CREATE A PLAN TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN KAPOLEI, EWA, AND WAIPAHU.

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, and Waipahu; and
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11 WHEREAS, when overcrowding at public schools occurs, it
12 adversely affects both teaching conditions for teachers and
13 learning conditions for students; and
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15 WHEREAS, because of overcrowding, there are reports of
16 public school teachers who must teach classes that are
17 startlingly large in size; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 as a lump
20 sum to the Department of Education to address overcrowding in
21 public schools; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2016, that the Department of Education is requested
26 to establish a task force to address overcrowding in public
27 schools in Kapolei, Ewa, and Waipahu; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
30 requested to serve as members of the task force:



- 1 (1) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
- 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House;
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- 4 (2) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
- 5 President of the Senate;
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- 7 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
- 8 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 10 (4) The Acting Director of the Office of Planning, or the
- 11 Acting Director's designee; and
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- 13 (5) The Superintendent of Education, or the
- 14 Superintendent's designee; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

17 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including

18 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than

19 December 20, 2016; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is

22 requested to prepare the report and provide any necessary staff

23 to assist the task force in its work; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should cease to

26 exist on June 30, 2017; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

29 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,

30 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and

31 Acting Director of the Office of Planning.

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OFFERED BY: 

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