
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT
OF THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of School Facilities and Support
2 Services of the Department of Education is responsible for the
3 planning, design, and construction of all new facilities;
4 planning, design, and construction of the renovation of all
5 existing facilities; and maintenance of school grounds and all
6 existing facilities; and

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8 WHEREAS, a lack of communication among the administration
9 of a school, the Department of Education's project manager and
10 designer, and the Department of Education's design consultant
11 during the plan-and-design phase of a project, the construction
12 of a new facility, or the renovation of an existing facility has
13 historically resulted in:

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15 (1) A plan-and-design phase that exceeds two years before
16 the project is open for bid, which places the funds
17 for construction in jeopardy of lapsing;
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19 (2) Numerous change orders during construction; and
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21 (3) A final construction cost that significantly exceeds
22 the initial estimated project cost for which the
23 Legislature appropriated funds; and
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25 WHEREAS, a lack of and inconsistency in site visitation by
26 the project manager, designer, and project inspector during the
27 construction process has resulted in miscommunication as to what
28 the school desired and what was designed, thereby resulting in a
29 delay in construction as well as the same errors being
30 encountered in future projects with the same scope of work; and



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1 WHEREAS, there are no existing as-built drawings on file at
2 the schools, the district offices of the Department of
3 Education, or the central office of the Department of Education
4 that show the location of all structures on campus or the
5 location of all above- and below-ground utilities; and
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7 WHEREAS, there is no matrix for any of the facilities on a
8 school campus to indicate when the facility was built and when
9 and what type of maintenance or renovation work was performed on
10 the facility; and
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12 WHEREAS, a review of recent bids submitted indicates that:
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14 (1) An estimate of approximately \$950,000 was submitted
15 for the construction of a 24-foot x 40-foot portable
16 classroom, with no amenities other than a fire alarm
17 system and no legitimate explanation as to why a
18 modular portable classroom, which could cost about
19 one-half the construction cost submitted in the bid,
20 could not be used instead; and
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22 (2) An estimate of approximately \$1,200,000 was submitted
23 for the construction of a 96-stall, asphalt-concrete
24 parking lot,
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26 the costs of which appear to be greater than what was desired;
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29 WHEREAS, inspections of school campuses have shown that
30 existing one-story buildings that are built next to tall shower
31 or monkey pod trees often have their gutters clogged with fallen
32 leaves and branches, or trees are growing on the roof of the
33 building or in the gutter; and
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35 WHEREAS, these numerous issues could be addressed by a
36 comprehensive review by a third party; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2017, that the Auditor is requested to perform a fiscal and



1 management audit of the Office of School Facilities and Support
2 Services of the Department of Education; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fiscal and management audit
5 focus on:

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7 (1) Whether a lack of communication, lack of field
8 inspection prior to planning and design, lack of as-
9 built drawings, and lack of a matrix of existing
10 facilities has resulted in a prolonged planning and
11 design phase, numerous change orders, and increased
12 construction costs;

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14 (2) Whether the lack of a matrix of existing facilities
15 and lack of timely, proper inspection of existing
16 facilities have resulted in premature repair costs;
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19 (3) Whether the State's procurement law may be
20 artificially increasing the cost of construction or
21 impeding projects from being completed in a timely
22 manner; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
25 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days
27 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Chairperson of the
31 Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; and Assistant
32 Superintendent, Office of School Facilities and Support Services
33 of the Department of Education.

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