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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO EARN TEACHING DEGREES AND BECOME FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHERS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been experiencing teacher shortages
2 over the last several years, particularly in select fields in
3 education; and
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5 WHEREAS, many classes in Hawaii's public school system are
6 severely overcrowded, or are being taught by educational
7 assistants or long-term substitute teachers; and
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9 WHEREAS, students learn more effectively when classes are
10 taught by full-time, certified teachers who teach at the school
11 on a stable, permanent basis; and
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13 WHEREAS, the prohibitive cost of higher education is a
14 significant obstacle that discourages many educational
15 assistants and long-term substitute teachers from earning
16 teaching degrees and certification; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
20 that the Department of Education and University of Hawaii System
21 are requested to develop programming and educational supports,
22 including but not limited to stipend funding, for educational
23 assistants and long-term substitute teachers to earn teaching
24 degrees and become full-time certified teachers; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
27 requested to establish guidelines and criteria for the
28 distribution of stipend funding; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 3 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the
 4 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
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