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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RESTRICT ANY PERSON FROM
APPLYING FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IF
THAT PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHEN THE
SEARCH AND HIRING PROCESS WAS DEVELOPED OR INITIATED.

1 WHEREAS, under section 302A-1101(a), Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, the Board of Education "shall have power in accordance
3 with law to formulate statewide educational policy, adopt
4 student performance standards and assessment models, monitor
5 school success, and appoint the superintendent of education as
6 the chief executive officer of the public school system"; and
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8 WHEREAS, section 302A-1101(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
9 provides that "[t]he board shall appoint, and may remove, the
10 superintendent by a majority vote of its members", but does not
11 provide selection criteria for the selection of the
12 Superintendent of Education; and
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14 WHEREAS, the term of the current Superintendent of
15 Education runs through July 2017; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Education's vital role in
18 developing and implementing education policy throughout the
19 State necessitates experience and familiarity with every level
20 of educational administration and process; and
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22 WHEREAS, it is imperative that all applicants for the
23 position of Superintendent of Education be objectively evaluated
24 by the Board of Education, and it is critically important that
25 the search and hiring process conducted by the Board of
26 Education is fair and thorough; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
30 that the Board of Education is urged to restrict any person from
31 applying for the position of Superintendent of Education if that
32 person was a member of the Board of Education while the search
33 and hiring process was developed or initiated; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Education.
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