
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2018, the Department of Education's
2 financial management system underwent a critical upgrade, which
3 encountered complications and resulted in disruption of service,
4 primarily relating to payments to vendors; and
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6 WHEREAS, as of October 25, 2018, the financial management
7 system was partially restored, with the Department of Education
8 implementing a plan to expedite payments in three priority
9 areas: school facilities, workers compensation claims, and
10 special education services; and thereafter, phasing in access to
11 all schools and offices to begin processing purchase orders and
12 payments; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Education stated that it had
15 been working to upgrade its programs, including its financial
16 management system, which was a complex initiative due in part to
17 the age of some of the platforms; and
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19 WHEREAS, the department's financial management system is
20 reportedly an old system that dates to the 1990s and is used to
21 process purchase orders and a wide range of payments, such as
22 school supplies, construction contracts, school-level
23 consultants, and business travel; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
27 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a financial audit
28 of the financial management system of the Department of
29 Education; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to cover
32 the following issues:
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- 34 (1) The current status of the financial system;



