H.R. NO. 168

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 5 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 all schools and offices to begin processing purchase orders and 11 12 payments; and 13 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 18 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, 24 25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 26 27 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a financial audit of the financial management system of the Department of 28 29 Education; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to cover the following issues: 32 33 34 (1) The current status of the financial system;



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1	(2) Outdated features of the system; and
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3	(3) Necessary upgrades to the system; and
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5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
6	submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
7	including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
8	than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
9	of 2020; and
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11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12	Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson of the
13	Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.
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	OFFERED BY:

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