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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has two primary
2 responsibilities for the facilities of the State's public
3 schools: repair and maintenance and capital improvement
4 projects; and

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6 WHEREAS, the condition of the State's school facilities
7 support the learning and development of Hawaii's keiki; and

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9 WHEREAS, the myriad of needs for new buildings; repair and
10 maintenance of aging buildings; and upgrading and improving
11 safety, health, and technology infrastructure are the
12 responsibility of the Department of Education's Office of
13 Facilities and Operations; and

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15 WHEREAS, effective and timely project execution is expected
16 by the schools but has been a challenge due to the length of
17 time from project appropriation to project completion; and

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19 WHEREAS, the timely execution of projects requires
20 appropriate collaboration between various stakeholders,
21 including government officials and agencies, school
22 administrators, facility managers and staff, consultants, and
23 contractors; and

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25 WHEREAS, timely project execution is dependent on a number
26 of factors beyond the adequate scoping of projects and costs
27 such as the allotment release process; permitting approvals; and
28 procurement, project management, and construction management;
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31 WHEREAS, the Office of Facilities and Operations is
32 responsible for prioritizing projects based on need, managing



1 resources, and competing priorities and coordinating with school
2 administration to execute the projects expeditiously for the
3 State's public schools; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
8 requested to conduct an audit of the capital improvement
9 program, including repair and maintenance, of the Department of
10 Education; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to
13 include but not be limited to the challenges faced by the
14 Department of Education in timely completion of projects, from
15 appropriation to allotment release; and project planning,
16 design, and construction completion; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 include an analysis of the adequacy of the Department of
20 Education's staffing capacity and other resources to address the
21 volume of capital improvement and repair and maintenance
22 projects; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
25 consider the Department of Education's procedures in:

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27 (1) Assessment and planning, including prioritizing
28 projects based on need and a comprehensive plan for
29 capital improvement projects;
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31 (2) Budgeting to fund identified priorities; and
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33 (3) Implementation, including procurement of contractors
34 and materials; meeting with schools and consultants;
35 and overseeing and monitoring the project's progress
36 to completion; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to
39 include, based on a review of the aforementioned departmental
40 procedures, an analysis comparing policies and procedures
41 against other state governmental agencies and county public



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1 works functions to recommend best practices and efficiencies
2 that can be considered by the Department of Education; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations for
6 improving the Department of Education's program for capital
7 improvement and repair and maintenance of the State's public
8 schools, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
9 the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson
13 of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and
14 Director of Budget and Finance.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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