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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A PILOT  
PROJECT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL COMPLEX TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL  
DEPARTMENT RULES AND POLICIES THAT IMPEDE EFFECTIVE  
DECISION-MAKING, ADMINISTERING, AND TEACHING AND TO OPERATE  
FREE OF THOSE RULES AND POLICIES.

1           WHEREAS, the key to Hawaii's future success is a strong  
2 public school system that equips our keiki with the knowledge,  
3 skills, and experiences necessary to succeed; and  
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5           WHEREAS, school administrators and teachers have the most  
6 direct responsibility to provide students with those knowledge,  
7 skills, and experiences; and  
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9           WHEREAS, school administrators and teachers may not have  
10 the authority or ability to provide certain learning  
11 opportunities to students because of Department of Education  
12 (Department) rules and policies; and  
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14           WHEREAS, charter schools have been given the opportunity to  
15 operate free of many of the department rules and policies; and  
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17           WHEREAS, administrators and teachers have expressed that  
18 the provision of more authority and opportunity to  
19 administrators and teachers would enhance learning in the  
20 schools and result in increased accountability; now, therefore,  
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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
25 Education is requested to establish at least one three year  
26 pilot model complex to include one high school, a middle school,  
27 and at least one elementary school, which shall:  
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- 1 (1) In year one, identify department rules and policies  
2 that most impede its ability and authority to promote  
3 effective learning for its students;  
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- 5 (2) In year two, after consultation with the Department of  
6 Education, the exclusive representatives for  
7 bargaining units for teachers, principals, and  
8 classified personnel and consideration of compliance  
9 and health and safety concerns, be allowed to operate  
10 free of identified and agreed upon department rules  
11 and policies, if permitted by law; and  
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- 13 (3) In year three, assess and evaluate the impact of the  
14 pilot project and prepare a report of its findings and  
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
16 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
17 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
21 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.  
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