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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EDUCATIONAL WORKFORCE WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE
ITS WORK TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED
IN ITS 2007 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Educational Workforce Working Group was
2 created by Act 283, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to examine and
3 address various issues relating to workforce needs and methods
4 for increasing the workforce supply in the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Educational Workforce Working Group
7 prepared and submitted a report to the Legislature, which
8 included seven sets of recommendations with twenty-five action
9 steps; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Working Group expressed a willingness to
12 continue its work to plan and implement those recommendations
13 that can be initiated by its constituent member organizations;
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16 WHEREAS, the Working Group needs to develop plans of action
17 to include legislation that would galvanize efforts that are
18 beyond the scope of its constituent member organizations; and
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20 WHEREAS, many of the recommendations of the Working Group
21 are critical to the development of a competent, appropriate, and
22 available workforce that will support economic development and
23 diversification, but implementation of these recommendations
24 will not occur without an organized effort to plan, initiate,
25 and promote that development; and
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27 WHEREAS, some of the recommendations of the Working Group
28 focus on initiating mechanisms that create the conditions, such
29 as unique identifiers, a community-business education exchange
30 effort, and creating a website, that allow for the
31 implementation and development of the other recommendations;
32 now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to continue to
5 provide the administrative function for the Educational
6 Workforce Working Group; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
9 to continue its work to initiate and implement the
10 recommendations made in its 2007 report to the Legislature; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
13 to initiate an assessment system that will evaluate the
14 effectiveness of Hawaii's educational programs and reforms,
15 including:
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17 (1) A review of ongoing efforts towards student tracking;
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20 (2) The efficacy of the assignment of unique identifiers
21 that will allow the tracking of public school
22 graduates into higher education, post high school
23 training programs, and/or the workforce; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
26 to specifically work on creating a community-business education
27 exchange program that will develop a statewide initiative to
28 partner schools with businesses, community groups, and
29 organizations to promote resource, expertise, and manpower
30 assistance, mentorships, internships, and sponsoring of programs
31 to increase students' knowledge, interest, experience, and
32 skills in future careers and shall attach the community-business
33 education exchange program to a nonprofit organization for the
34 purposes of administration; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
37 to specifically develop a website for the dissemination of
38 information regarding workforce development resources,
39 initiatives, and programs within the State and any other
40 information that the Working Group shall deem necessary and
41 pertinent; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
44 to prepare a progress and final report of its findings and



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1 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
2 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
3 the Regular Sessions of 2009 and 2010; and.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor
7 and Industrial Relations and the Chair of the Workforce
8 Development Council.

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