
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP FORMED BY HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE USES OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONEYS, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
2 Act of 2009, the Governor is expected to receive a one-time
3 appropriation from the federal government through the State
4 Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program; and
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6 WHEREAS, as a condition of the appropriation, the Governor
7 is expected to allocate SFSF funds to advance essential
8 education reforms to benefit students from early learning
9 through post-secondary education, including such uses as
10 college- and career-ready standards and high-quality, valid and
11 reliable assessments for all students, development and use of
12 pre-kindergarten through post-secondary and career data systems,
13 increasing teacher effectiveness and ensuring an equitable
14 distribution of qualified teachers, and turning around the
15 lowest-performing schools; and
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17 WHEREAS, a working group has been convened by Hawaii's
18 congressional delegation to consider appropriate uses of SFSF
19 moneys and examine and determine the most appropriate uses of
20 the anticipated SFSF funds in Hawaii; and
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22 WHEREAS, the working group includes representatives of
23 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the University of Hawaii, the
24 Department of Education, and the Legislature, thereby capturing
25 the intent and recommendations of the Legislature at both
26 federal and state levels, and by the lower and higher education
27 executive departments that stand to directly benefit from the
28 use of the SFSF moneys; and
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1 WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent receipt and
2 decision-making on the expenditure of SFSF moneys, the working
3 group has examined the requirements for the proper use of SFSF
4 moneys and has agreed on recommendations for the most
5 appropriate use of the funds; and
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7 WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2009, the State of Hawaii
8 Department of Education (DOE) and the University of Hawaii (UH)
9 are in agreement on a two-part Proposal for State Fiscal
10 Stabilization Funds (SFSF) American Recovery and Reinvestment
11 Act of 2009 (ARRA); and
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13 WHEREAS, in Part A, 81.8 per cent (\$157,200,000 total) is
14 to be shared by DOE and UH in the following proportion: DOE -
15 71.43 per cent (\$112,300,000) and UH - 28.57 per cent
16 (\$44,900,000); and
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18 WHEREAS, this agreement is based on the total budgets of
19 each entity, including general funds as reflected in H.B.
20 No. 200, H.D. 1, and the continued availability to each of
21 current levels of other funds including special and revolving
22 funds, and recognizes that significant changes in the total
23 budgets of either entity may require revisiting the allocations
24 of SFSF between DOE and UH; and
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26 WHEREAS, Part A includes the following:
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28 (1) To be funded jointly by DOE and UH, each in proportion
29 to their respective share of the SFSF:
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31 (A) Provide Early Childhood educator training and
32 support: \$1,000,000 over two years; and
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34 (B) Create Longitudinal Student Data System (P-20;
35 joint project): \$9,000,000 over two years (an
36 assurance required by ARRA);
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38 (2) To be funded by DOE from its share of the SFSF (an
39 assurance required by ARRA which is specific to DOE):
40 Develop required assessments (ELL Assessment,
41 Alternative Assessment, Hawaiian Aligned Portfolio
42 Assessment, OnLine HSA): \$17,000,000 over two years;
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1 (3) Restore any budget reductions for FY 2009-10 and
2 FY 2010-11:

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4 (A) UH will restore funds to program IDs in
5 proportion to cuts to each campus and systemwide
6 programs; and
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8 (B) DOE will restore: mandated programs at DOE;
9 current services that enable the DOE to meet the
10 assurances; provided that after the foregoing
11 restorations, any federal SFSF funds remaining at
12 DOE will be used for science labs, and school
13 improvement for struggling schools; and
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15 WHEREAS, in Part B: 18.2 per cent (\$35,000,000 total) is
16 to be shared for capital improvement project lists of specific
17 projects in the following proportion: UH - \$12,250,000 (35 per
18 cent of funds) and DOE - \$22,750,000 (65 per cent of funds);
19 now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that pursuant to issuance
24 of the recommendations of the working group, the Governor is
25 requested to accept the recommendations as the most appropriate
26 uses of SFSF moneys and authorize the expenditure of SFSF moneys
27 consistent with the recommendations of the working group; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of the working
31 group, the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of
32 the House of Representatives.