
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXAMINE THE FISCAL, CURRICULUM, AND OTHER IMPACTS OF A FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK FOR SCHOOL COMPLEXES.

1 WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy Number 4160 requires
2 that a student's day shall be based on no less than thirty hours
3 per week, distributed over a five-day week; and
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5 WHEREAS, if the student's parent, guardian, or other adult
6 having legal responsibility for, or care of, the student is
7 employed for more than thirty hours a week, this leaves a
8 significant amount of time when the student may be either left
9 unattended or enrolled in before- or after-school programs; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to a March 12, 2009, Associated Press
12 story on education, select districts in seventeen states follow
13 a four-day week, and legislatures in six other states have
14 introduced similar proposals; and
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16 WHEREAS, the experience of these schools, as well as Maili
17 Elementary School on Oahu, has shown the following results:
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- 19 (1) Improved teacher recruitment and retention, especially
20 in geographically isolated schools and schools with
21 hard-to-fill positions;
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- 23 (2) Savings on bus transportation, food service, and
24 utilities;
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- 26 (3) Improvements in campus maintenance; and
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- 28 (4) No adverse impact on student achievement and a
29 positive impact on student attendance; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the

1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Education is requested to conduct a feasibility study to examine
3 the fiscal, curriculum, and other impacts of a four-day school
4 week for school complexes; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
7 requested to consider and include in the feasibility study:

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9 (1) Fiscal and non-fiscal impacts, by complex area;
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11 (2) Potential schedules for changes to the school
12 calendar, by school year and by complex area;
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14 (3) Any utility or operational savings from any decrease
15 in the number of school days per year; and
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17 (4) Any other information that may be relevant; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
20 requested to submit a report on its findings and recommendations
21 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
22 convening of the Regular Session of 2010, including any requests
23 for additional funding or legislation required for
24 implementation; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
28 Education and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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