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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO CONVENE THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO EXAMINE CURRENT AND EMERGING PROGRAMS SEEKING TO TRACK STUDENT PROGRESS AND DEVELOP A LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS BEGINNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS TO GRADE TWELVE, AND BEYOND TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that data-based decision
2 making is critical to good governance and management; and
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4 WHEREAS, an essential element of a high performing
5 education system is having high quality data to inform decision
6 making and to evaluate the impact of policies, interventions,
7 and resource use; and
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9 WHEREAS, moreover, an effective data system for education
10 should measure students' participation and academic achievement
11 in the education systems and programs and beyond; and
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13 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
14 (Public Law 111-5, H.R. 1, S.1) State Fiscal Stabilization funds
15 (Title XIV) require that the Governor provide assurance related
16 to improving collection and use of data via a longitudinal data
17 system that includes the elements described in section
18 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871); and
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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that, currently, no
21 single state agency collects or maintains the data needed to
22 develop a P-20 tracking system that monitors student information
23 regarding background characteristics, enrollment in education
24 systems, educational outcomes, participation in programs, and
25 workforce participation; and
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27 WHEREAS, coordination among the agencies is essential to
28 gathering and utilizing relevant information; and
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2 WHEREAS, a number of efforts are underway currently to
3 improve the assessment of student participation and performance,
4 including the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, which is
5 piloting a reporting system that tracks students longitudinally
6 from the Department of Education to the University of Hawaii;
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9 WHEREAS, the State has also received a grant from the
10 National Governors Association to develop an outcomes accounting
11 system to assess the effectiveness of science, technology,
12 engineering, and mathematics initiatives passed in the Regular
13 Session of 2007; and

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15 WHEREAS, these efforts provide a starting point for the
16 development of a comprehensive performance measuring system;
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii P-20
22 Partnerships for Education is requested to convene the
23 appropriate agencies to examine current and emerging programs
24 seeking to track student progress and develop a longitudinal
25 data system for students beginning in early childhood programs
26 to grade twelve, and beyond to higher education and the
27 workforce; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agencies include, but not
30 be limited to the following:

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32 (1) Department of Education;
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34 (2) University of Hawaii;
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36 (3) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and
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38 (4) Department of Business, Economic Development, and
39 Tourism; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships
42 for Education is requested, with the assistance of the
43 appropriate agencies, to establish a data sharing agreement to



1 support a longitudinal data system and to meet requirements of
2 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships
5 for Education is requested to report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
7 prior to the convening of the Regular Session 2011, including
8 the status of a state longitudinal data system, and a timeline
9 and resources needed to develop, implement, maintain, and use a
10 state longitudinal data system; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
14 of the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Superintendent of
15 Education; President of the University of Hawaii; Director of
16 Labor and Industrial Relations; and Director of Business,
17 Economic Development, and Tourism.

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