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# 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 program; and  
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6           WHEREAS, as a condition of the appropriation, the Governor  
7 is expected to allocate State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys  
8 to advance essential education reforms to benefit students from  
9 early learning through post-secondary education, including such  
10 uses as college- and career-ready standards and high-quality,  
11 valid, and reliable assessments for all students; development  
12 and use of pre-kindergarten through post-secondary and career  
13 data systems; increasing teacher effectiveness and ensuring an  
14 equitable distribution of qualified teachers; and turning around  
15 the 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 State  
19 Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and examine and determine the  
20 most appropriate uses of the anticipated State Fiscal  
21 Stabilization Fund moneys in Hawaii; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the working group includes representatives of  
24 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the University of Hawaii, the  
25 Department of Education, and the Legislature, thereby capturing  
26 the intent and recommendations of the Legislature at both  
27 federal and state levels, and by the lower and higher education  
28 executive departments that stand to directly benefit from the  
29 use of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys; and



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2 WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent receipt and  
3 decision-making on the expenditure of State Fiscal Stabilization  
4 Fund moneys, the working group has examined the requirements for  
5 the proper use of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and has  
6 agreed on recommendations for the most appropriate use of the  
7 funds; and

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9 WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2009, the Department of Education  
10 and the University of Hawaii are in agreement on a two-part  
11 Proposal for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds under the American  
12 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

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14 WHEREAS, in Part A, 81.8 per cent (\$157,200,000 total) is  
15 to be shared by the Department of Education and the University  
16 of Hawaii in the following proportion: Department of Education  
17 - 71.43 per cent (\$112,300,000) and University of Hawaii - 28.57  
18 per cent (\$44,900,000); and

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20 WHEREAS, this agreement is based on the total budgets of  
21 each entity, including general funds as reflected in H.B.  
22 No. 200, H.D. 1, and the continued availability to each of  
23 current levels of other funds, including special and revolving  
24 funds, and recognizes that significant changes in the total  
25 budgets of either entity may require revisiting the allocations  
26 of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys between the Department  
27 of Education and the University of Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, Part A includes the following:

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31 (1) To be funded jointly by the Department of Education  
32 and the University of Hawaii, each in proportion to  
33 their respective share of the State Fiscal  
34 Stabilization Fund:

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36 (A) Provide Early Childhood educator training and  
37 support: \$1,000,000 over two years; and

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39 (B) Create Longitudinal Student Data System (P-20;  
40 joint project): \$9,000,000 over two years (an  
41 assurance required by the American Recovery and  
42 Reinvestment Act);

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1 (2) To be funded by the Department of Education from its  
 2 share of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (an  
 3 assurance required by the American Recovery and  
 4 Reinvestment Act which is specific to the Department):  
 5 Develop required assessments (ELL Assessment,  
 6 Alternative Assessment, Hawaiian Aligned Portfolio  
 7 Assessment, OnLine HSA): \$17,000,000 over two years;  
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 10 (3) Restore any budget reductions for Fiscal Year 2009-  
 11 2010 and Fiscal Year 2010-2011:

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 13 (A) The University of Hawaii will restore funds to  
 14 program IDs in proportion to cuts to each campus  
 15 and systemwide programs; and

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 17 (B) The Department of Education will restore:  
 18 mandated programs at the Department; current  
 19 services that enable the Department to meet the  
 20 assurances; provided that after the foregoing  
 21 restorations, any federal State Fiscal  
 22 Stabilization Fund moneys remaining at the  
 23 Department will be used for science labs, and  
 24 school improvement for struggling schools; now,  
 25 therefore,

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 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
 28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
 29 House of Representatives concurring, that pursuant to issuance  
 30 of the recommendations of the working group, the Governor is  
 31 requested to accept the recommendations as the most appropriate  
 32 uses of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and authorize the  
 33 expenditure of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys consistent  
 34 with the recommendations of the working group; and

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 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of the working  
 38 group, the Congressional delegation, the United States Secretary  
 39 of Education, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
 40 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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