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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AN INVENTORY
OF ALL TEXTBOOKS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of
2 Education lacks an inventory system for textbooks; and
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4 WHEREAS, the current system allows public schools to
5 purchase their own books, which results in schools using
6 different books for similar courses; and
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8 WHEREAS, coordinating book purchases through the Department
9 of Education would ensure that students in public schools
10 throughout the islands would have access to the same textbooks;
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13 WHEREAS, having the same textbooks in all public schools
14 would allow students who change schools to integrate smoothly
15 into the new school's curriculum; and
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17 WHEREAS, having the same textbooks would help streamline
18 teacher training, as teachers would be familiar with the books
19 used in all public schools; and
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21 WHEREAS, purchasing books in mass would reduce costs,
22 allowing the funds to be used for different projects; and
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24 WHEREAS, before implementing any system to ensure that all
25 public schools are using the same textbooks, an accurate
26 inventory of all textbooks currently in use in all public
27 schools must be developed; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Education is requested to develop an inventory of all textbooks
33 currently in use in all public schools; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inventory shall include:

- (1) The publication date of all textbooks in current use;
- (2) A differentiation of the information for elementary, middle, and high school grade levels;
- (3) The adequacy of the inventory of books in relation to the number of students; and
- (4) A list of texts recommended by the Department of Education and by national organizations for the subject matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to report its findings and submit the inventory to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

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