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SENATE 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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30 WHEREAS, a number of efforts are underway currently to
31 improve the assessment of student participation and performance,
32 including the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, which is



1 piloting a reporting system that tracks students longitudinally
2 from the Department of Education to the University of Hawaii;
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5 WHEREAS, the State has also received a grant from the
6 National Governors Association to develop an outcomes accounting
7 system to assess the effectiveness of science, technology,
8 engineering, and mathematics initiatives passed in the Regular
9 Session of 2007; and
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11 WHEREAS, these efforts provide a starting point for the
12 development of a comprehensive performance measuring system;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
17 that the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education is requested to
18 convene the appropriate agencies to examine current and emerging
19 programs seeking to track student progress and develop a
20 longitudinal data system for students beginning in early
21 childhood programs to grade twelve, and beyond to higher
22 education and the workforce; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agencies include, but not
25 be limited to the following:
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- 27 (1) Department of Education;
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- 29 (2) University of Hawaii;
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- 31 (3) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and
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- 33 (4) Department of Business, Economic Development, and
34 Tourism; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships
37 for Education is requested, with the assistance of the
38 appropriate agencies, to establish a data sharing agreement to
39 support a longitudinal data system and to meet requirements of
40 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships
43 for Education is requested to report its findings and
44 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days



1 prior to the convening of the Regular Session 2011, including
 2 the status of a state longitudinal data system, and a timeline
 3 and resources needed to develop, implement, maintain, and use a
 4 state longitudinal data system; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
 8 Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Superintendent of
 9 Education; President of the University of Hawaii; Director of
 10 Labor and Industrial Relations; and Director of Business,
 11 Economic Development, and Tourism.

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