
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
2 education is at the forefront of national and state initiatives
3 to prepare America's citizens for a global world where
4 mathematics and science achievement is critical to innovation, a
5 strong workforce, a robust economy, economic competitiveness,
6 and the national interest; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii has embarked on several initiatives to
9 support STEM education, which include incorporating science,
10 technology, engineering, and math into the public school
11 curriculum; strengthening the STEM pipeline from secondary
12 education to post-secondary education and in the University of
13 Hawaii System; and providing students with analytical and
14 problem-solving skills through STEM education; and
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16 WHEREAS, STEM is an integral part of Hawaii's Race to the
17 Top plan, which requires that students meet science, technology,
18 engineering, and math competencies to better achieve career,
19 college, and life success; and
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21 WHEREAS, STEM involves the collaboration and coordination
22 of a broad cross-section of public and private sector support to
23 prepare a STEM-literate community that extends beyond the
24 classroom to the workforce, energy resources, healthcare,
25 transportation, and communication; and
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27 WHEREAS, the various school STEM initiatives and programs
28 in the Department of Education warrant a comprehensive review to
29 determine their role and necessity in securing increased
30 legislative, policy, and other resource support; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
4 is requested to convene a task force to identify and assess the
5 STEM initiatives and programs in public schools; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:
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- 9 (1) Identify the STEM initiatives and programs implemented
10 in Department of Education public schools;
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12 (2) Assess the efficacy of existing Department of
13 Education STEM initiatives and programs and how the
14 initiatives and programs support curriculum,
15 assessment, and instruction in schools;
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17 (3) Recommend STEM best practices in Department of
18 Education and public charter schools that are critical
19 components in college, career, and life success; and
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21 (4) Assess the capacity of current Department of Education
22 STEM initiatives and programs, the commitment
23 necessary to sustain the initiatives and programs, and
24 the partnerships integral to supporting STEM;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
29 comprise the following individuals:
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- 31 (1) The Board of Education (Board) student member, or a
32 designee selected by the Board Chair;
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34 (2) The Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee;
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36 (3) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
37 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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39 (4) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, or the
40 Director's designee;
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42 (5) The President of the University of Hawaii System, or
43 the President's designee;



- 1 (6) The Vice President of the University of Hawaii
- 2 community colleges, or the Vice President's designee;
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- 4 (7) The Executive Director of the Charter School
- 5 Administrative Office, or the Executive Director's
- 6 designee;
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- 8 (8) The Executive Director of Hawaii P-20, or the
- 9 Executive Director's designee; and
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- 11 (9) Two other individuals who the Superintendent of
- 12 Education deems important to the work and discussion
- 13 of the task force;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,

18 with the cooperation of the University of Hawaii System, is

19 requested to submit a report of its findings and

20 recommendations, including any proposals for legislation, to the

21 Legislature no later than 20 days before the convening of the

22 Regular Session of 2012; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii;

26 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the

27 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Chair of the

28 Board of Education; the Superintendent of Education; the

29 President of the University of Hawaii System; the Vice President

30 of University of Hawaii Community Colleges; the Executive

31 Director of the Charter School Administrative Office; and the

32 Executive Director of Hawaii P-20.

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