
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAM RESULTS FOR
DETERMINING IF A SCHOOL IS MEETING "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"
COMPLIANCE.

1 WHEREAS, there are national college admission and placement
2 exams that are administered in all 50 states in the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been awarded competitive Race to the
6 Top Federal Grant funds in the amount of \$75 million to address
7 poor performing schools and has committed to a goal of ensuring
8 all Hawaii high school graduates are college and career ready
9 by school year 2017-2018; and

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11 WHEREAS, as part of the Race to the Top obligations, the
12 State has committed to adopting the Common Core Curriculum in
13 math, English, and science being developed by the National
14 Governors Association in conjunction with the National
15 Association of Superintendents of Schools; and

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17 WHEREAS, teachers and counselors who administer the Hawaii
18 State Assessment indicate that the costs of administering the
19 tests are high and the test results are not sufficiently timely
20 to provide feedback to teachers to adjust their lesson plans or
21 for students to identify areas where they may need additional
22 study or tutoring; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Assessment requires a significant
25 expenditure of student learning time and teaching time to be
26 used for test preparation; and

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28 WHEREAS, there are college admission exams that are
29 recognized and accepted as college entrance examinations by
30 colleges and universities throughout the United States; the



1 costs of taking the exams are relatively minor; and the results
2 are available promptly for teachers, counselors, and students to
3 use to adjust their instruction, counseling, and learning
4 patterns; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that a letter be prepared by the
9 Superintendent of Education to the United States Department of
10 Education and the United States Congress asking that states be
11 allowed to accept these college admission and placement exams as
12 benchmarks for determining compliance by school districts for
13 applicable grade levels with the requirements of the federal No
14 Child Left Behind Act; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
17 requested to review:
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19 (1) Whether national college admission and placement
20 exams, including but not limited to the ACT College
21 Admission Exam, would be an appropriate substitution
22 for the Hawaii State Assessment, including determining
23 appropriate grade levels for administration; and
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25 (2) Any costs that may be associated with administering
26 these exams at various schools;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
32 Chairperson of the State Board of Education, Superintendent of
33 Education, members of the Hawaii Congressional Delegation, and
34 United States Secretary of Education, and Principals of each
35 public high school in the State.
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