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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEFER DECISION-MAKING ON THE  
CLOSURE OF PUUHALE AND KALIHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS UNTIL THE  
NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE APPOINTED BY THE  
GOVERNOR AND SEATED.

1           WHEREAS, in November 2010, Hawaii voters approved a  
2 constitutional amendment that authorized the Governor to appoint  
3 members of the Board of Education; and  
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5           WHEREAS; the Legislature is currently holding hearings on  
6 measures that would determine an appropriate transition process  
7 from an elected Board of Education to an appointed Board of  
8 Education; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the current members of the Board of Education  
11 remain in their position only until the appropriate transition  
12 process is determined by the Legislature and approved and  
13 executed by the Governor; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the current elected members of the Board of  
16 Education will not necessarily be the same members that will  
17 constitute the upcoming appointed members of the Board of  
18 Education; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the occurrence of the transition from an elected  
21 Board of Education to an appointed Board of Education is  
22 imminent; and  
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24           WHEREAS, very important decisions continue to be placed  
25 before the elected members of the Board of Education, including  
26 whether to close Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools; and  
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28           WHEREAS, Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools are  
29 community fixtures, and places of pride and fond memories for  
30 the, students, alumni, and residents of Kalihi; and



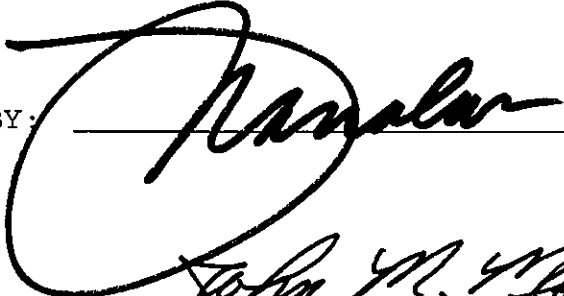
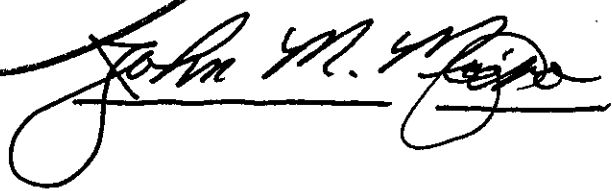
1 WHEREAS, Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools are truly  
 2 neighborhood schools where 70 and 95 percent of the students,  
 3 respectively, actually reside in the district area of the  
 4 schools, in contrast to other schools with a much lower  
 5 percentage of district area students; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the proposed economic savings to the State by  
 8 virtue of closing Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools are  
 9 uncertain; much of the projected savings will ultimately become  
 10 expenses to the other schools that receive the students  
 11 displaced from Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools; now,  
 12 therefore,

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 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 15 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 16 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the current Board of  
 17 Education is requested to defer decision-making on whether to  
 18 close Puuhale and Kalihi Elementary Schools until the new Board  
 19 of Education is appointed by the Governor and seated; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 23 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:   


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