
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
REVIEW AND EVALUATE COMPLIANCE WITH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE REINVENTING EDUCATION ACT OF 2004, AS AMENDED.

1 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Legislature passed the Reinventing
2 Education Act, also known as Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004
3 (Act 51); and
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5 WHEREAS, the intent of Act 51 was to decentralize decision
6 making at the Department of Education and empower complex- and
7 school-level staff and administrators, as well as to encourage
8 greater community involvement, and provide better professional
9 development, enhanced technology, and other education resources
10 to the Department of Education; and
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12 WHEREAS, the main elements of Act 51 include:

- 13 (1) Establishing a weighted student formula;
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15 (2) Providing additional information technology to
16 schools;
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18 (3) Empowering school principals through the Hawaii
19 principals academy and other means;
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21 (4) Strengthening community involvement through school
22 community councils and parent-community networking
23 centers;
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25 (5) Providing schools with more mathematics textbooks;
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27 (6) Lowering class size in kindergarten, grade one, and
28 grade two;
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30 (7) Providing full-time, year-round, high school student
31 activity coordinators;
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- 2 (8) Providing support to students who need additional help
- 3 to succeed in school;
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- 5 (9) Establishing a national board certification incentive
- 6 program for teachers;
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- 8 (10) Enhancing teacher education;
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- 10 (11) Reducing the bureaucracy that hampers the
- 11 effectiveness of the Department of Education;
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- 13 (12) Improving the educational accountability system; and
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- 15 (13) Requiring Board of Education members to hold community
- 16 meetings in their districts; and
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18 WHEREAS, it has been over seven years since Act 51 was
 19 enacted and sufficient time has passed for the outcomes of the
 20 changes made by Act 51 to be evaluated; now, therefore,

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 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
 24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
 25 and Department of Education are requested to review and evaluate
 26 compliance with Act 51, as amended, and the effectiveness of Act
 27 51, as amended, in achieving the State's educational goals, and
 28 to make recommendations to the Legislature as to any necessary
 29 changes or modifications; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its examination
 32 and assessment of Act 51, the Board of Education and Department
 33 of Education are requested to engage key stakeholder groups,
 34 including but not limited to:

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- 36 (1) Parents of public school students;
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- 38 (2) Public school teachers;
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- 40 (3) Educational officers;
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- 42 (4) The Hawaii Government Employees Association; and
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- 44 (5) The Hawaii State Teachers Association; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than twenty days prior
3 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013, the Board of
4 Education and Department of Education are requested to report to
5 the Legislature:

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7 (1) The status of implementation of principal performance
8 contracts;
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10 (2) Their findings and recommendations as to their
11 assessment and study of the weighted student formula;
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14 (3) An outline and timeline of the Board of Education and
15 Department of Education's remaining objectives in
16 evaluating Act 51; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President,
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson of the
21 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, President of
22 the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and President of
23 the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

