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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTRONIC EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE
PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND
PROGRAM COORDINATORS.

1 WHEREAS, within Hawaii's public schools, there is a vast
2 untapped resource of outstanding teacher-developed lessons,
3 units, programs, and curricula; and
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5 WHEREAS, there are many outstanding and highly effective
6 school-centered programs, curriculum resources, and practices;
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9 WHEREAS, there is little opportunity and few venues for
10 these teaching resources to be promoted to the greater
11 educational community; and
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13 WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and program coordinators
14 have much to share with, and to learn from, their colleagues;
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17 WHEREAS, the Internet, through blogs, chat rooms, and other
18 social media, is an easy and low-cost means for teachers,
19 administrators, and program coordinators to share lesson plans,
20 ideas for curricula, teaching practices, and program
21 development, as well as to engage in education-related
22 philosophical exchange; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
27 and Department of Education establish an electronic educational
28 resource program to encourage the sharing of lesson plans, ideas
29 for curricula, teaching practices, and program development
30 amongst public school teachers, administrators, and program
31 coordinators; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing this electronic
2 educational resource program the Board of Education and
3 Department of Education are requested to look at:

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5 (1) Wikipedia as a model based on its interactivity and
6 dependence on user knowledge; and

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8 (2) Established teacher, administrator, and staff
9 expertise at the school-level; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
12 Department of Education provide a demonstration of the
13 electronic educational resource program to the Chairs of the
14 Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on
15 Education no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2013; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
20 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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