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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW POLICY NO.
6701 IN LIGHT OF THE STATE'S EFFORT TO RENOVATE AND BUILD
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOOLS AND TO REPORT ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, children in Hawaii deserve to be educated in
2 environments and facilities that are conducive to learning and
3 meet twenty-first century standards; and
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5 WHEREAS, school districts throughout the State suffer from
6 aging schools, maintenance backlogs, and budget shortfalls; and
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8 WHEREAS, on average, schools in Hawaii are sixty-five years
9 old and more than forty schools exceed one hundred years in age;
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12 WHEREAS, student achievement is limited by the current
13 condition of school facilities; and
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15 WHEREAS, the State is exploring a project to renovate and
16 build new schools to meet twenty-first century standards to
17 address its aging school facilities; and
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19 WHEREAS, twenty-first century schools would incorporate new
20 strategies for school design to accommodate a wide range of
21 learning styles, promote community interaction with the school,
22 and allow the use of advanced technology and energy efficient
23 systems; and
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25 WHEREAS, section 302A-1602, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
26 Board of Education policy no. 6701, relating to acreage
27 guidelines for elementary, middle, and high schools may limit
28 the State's plan to renovate and build new schools that meet
29 twenty-first century standards; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 190

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
4 is requested to review policy no. 6701 and section 302A-1602,
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, in light of the State's effort to
6 renovate and build twenty-first century schools; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is
9 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
10 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014 its
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding
12 whether the acreage guidelines of section 302A-1602, Hawaii
13 Revised Statutes, and policy no. 6701 should be changed to
14 accommodate the twenty-first century schools concept; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
18 Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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OFFERED BY: _____

