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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO CONSIDER THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF REMOTE SCHOOLS WHEN
REEVALUATING THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA.

1 WHEREAS, Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, established a
2 weighted student formula to allocate monies to schools based
3 upon the unique learning needs of each student; and

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5 WHEREAS, the weighted student formula provides school
6 funding on a per pupil basis; and

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8 WHEREAS, remote schools are more expensive to operate, per
9 pupil, compared to more populous schools; and

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11 WHEREAS, remote schools are at a funding disadvantage due
12 to their relatively small student populations; and

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14 WHEREAS, public high school students statewide are subject
15 to the same graduation requirements and need access to various
16 courses, including electives, to graduate; and

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18 WHEREAS, remote schools struggle to regularly provide the
19 breadth of courses necessary for students to meet graduation
20 requirements due to the funding constraints of the weighted
21 student formula; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
25 that the Committee on Weights and Board of Education are
26 requested to consider the unique needs of remote schools when
27 reevaluating the weighted student formula; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the
2 Committee on Weights.
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