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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO USE PURCHASING CARDS WHEN PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER RELATED CURRICULUM SUPPORT SUPPLIES.

1 WHEREAS, a shortage of school supplies for the classroom
2 and funds to purchase the supplies has been an ongoing problem
3 for many years; and
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5 WHEREAS, in addition to investing in school facilities,
6 other important needs such as textbooks, computers, equipment,
7 supplies, and necessary services are not funded adequately; and
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9 WHEREAS, teachers often use their personal resources to
10 purchase much-needed classroom and instructional supplies; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office manages the
13 purchasing card program, which is designed to streamline the
14 State and county government's small purchase and payment
15 process; and
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17 WHEREAS, the purchasing card program replaces the laborious
18 and costly purchase order system by allowing employees to charge
19 small purchases from vendors using a purchasing card without
20 having to prepare a purchase order; and
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22 WHEREAS, currently, only principals and a few other
23 specified individuals are authorized to use purchasing cards;
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26 WHEREAS, allowing teachers, by request, to use purchasing
27 cards will streamline the process by which teachers can purchase
28 necessary supplies and other related curriculum support supplies
29 and eliminate the time required to obtain a product and the time
30 lag for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
34 that the Department of Education is requested to allow teachers



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1 to use purchasing cards when purchasing school supplies and
2 other related curriculum support supplies; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to develop policies and procedures related to the use
6 of purchasing cards by teachers for the purpose of purchasing
7 school supplies and other related curriculum support supplies,
8 as deemed appropriate by the school's academic and financial
9 plans; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.
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