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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE TO ASSESS THE HAWAII COMMON CORE STANDARDS AND  
DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE STATE-BASED EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

1           WHEREAS, educational standards define the knowledge and  
2 skills each students should possess at each grade level; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L.  
5 107-110, requires each state to establish its own unique set of  
6 standards for reading, math and science; and  
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8           WHEREAS, section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, directs  
9 the Board of Education to establish statewide performance  
10 standards and the means to assess those standards; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Common Core Standards Initiative, led by the  
13 National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the  
14 Council of Chief State School Officers, established a set of  
15 college and career ready standards for kindergarten through  
16 twelfth grade in English Language Arts and Mathematics; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in 2010, Hawaii along with forty-five other states  
19 voluntarily adopted the Common Core State Standards as the state  
20 educational standards in order to qualify for federal Race to  
21 the Top grant money; and  
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23           WHEREAS, Minnesota only adopted the English standard, and  
24 Alaska, Nebraska, Texas, and Virginia chose not to adopt the  
25 Common Core State Standards; and  
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27           WHEREAS, states are backing out of the Common Core State  
28 Standards by creating new state-based, academic standards; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Indiana and Oklahoma were the first states to drop  
2 the Common Core State Standards in 2014 and replace them with  
3 their own standards; and  
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5           WHEREAS, South Carolina, Missouri, North Carolina, and Ohio  
6 have passed legislation mandating the Common Core State  
7 Standards be reviewed and potentially replaced with new  
8 standards; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Hawaii adopted the Common Core State Standards  
11 before they were finalized and without public input on what the  
12 state educational standards should be; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Hawaii's educational standards should have  
15 community input and feedback from parents, guardians, community  
16 members, teachers and administrators; now, therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that this body hereby  
21 requests the Hawaii Department of Education to convene a task  
22 force to assess the Common Core State Standards and to develop  
23 state-based educational standards approved by local  
24 stakeholders, including guardians, community members, teachers,  
25 and administrators; and  
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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:  
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29           (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of all English Language  
30 Arts and Mathematics standards adopted and propose  
31 modifications to ensure that those standards meet all  
32 of the following criteria:

- 33                   (A) Increase students' level of academic  
34                   achievement.  
35                   (B) Are age-level and developmentally  
36                   appropriate.  
37                   (C) Are understandable to parents and to  
38                   teachers.  
39                   (D) Are among the highest standards in the  
40                   nation; and



1 (E) Establish a set of college and career ready  
2 standards for kindergarten through twelfth  
3 grade in English Language Arts and  
4 Mathematics; and  
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6 (2) Involve and survey a representative sample of parents,  
7 teachers, and members of the public to help determine  
8 academic content standards that meet and reflect  
9 Hawaii's priorities and the usefulness of the content  
10 standards; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force  
13 shall be as follows:  
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15 (1) Two parents of children currently enrolled in grades  
16 kindergarten through twelve shall be selected by the  
17 President of the Senate;  
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19 (2) Two parents of children currently enrolled in grades  
20 kindergarten through twelve shall be selected by the  
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
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23 (3) Three education professionals selected by the State  
24 Board of Education from names submitted to it by the  
25 Hawaii State Teachers Association;  
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27 (4) The Board of Education Chairperson, or the  
28 Chairperson's designee;  
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30 (5) The Superintendent of the Department of Education, or  
31 the Superintendent's designee;  
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33 (6) The Executive Director of the Charter School  
34 Administrative Office, or the Executive Director's  
35 designee; and  
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37 (7) The Executive Director of Hawaii P-20, or the  
38 Executive Director's designee; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
41 requested to report to the Legislature its findings and

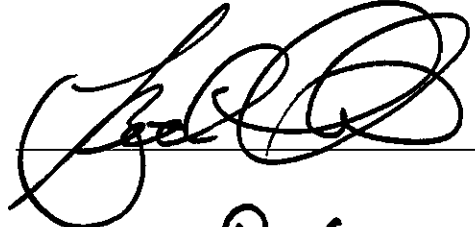


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1 recommendations, including any proposals for legislation, to the  
2 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of  
3 the Regular Session of 2016; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii;  
7 the Chair of the Board of Education; the Superintendent of the  
8 Department of Education; the Executive Director of the Charter  
9 School Administrative Office; the President of the Hawaii State  
10 Teachers Association; and the Executive Director of Hawaii P-20.  
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