
HOUSE 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, that this body hereby requests the Hawaii
21 Department of Education to convene a task force to assess the
22 Common Core State Standards and to develop state-based
23 educational standards approved by local stakeholders, including
24 guardians, community members, teachers, and administrators; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:
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28 (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of all English Language
29 Arts and Mathematics standards adopted and propose
30 modifications to ensure that those standards meet all
31 of the following criteria:

- 32 (A) Increase students' level of academic
33 achievement.
- 34 (B) Are age-level and developmentally
35 appropriate.
- 36 (C) Are understandable to parents and to
37 teachers.
- 38 (D) Are among the highest standards in the
39 nation; and
- 40 (E) Establish a set of college and career ready
41 standards for kindergarten through twelfth



1 grade in English Language Arts and
2 Mathematics; and
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- 4 (2) Involve and survey a representative sample of parents,
5 teachers, and members of the public to help determine
6 academic content standards that meet and reflect
7 Hawaii's priorities and the usefulness of the content
8 standards; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force
11 shall be as follows:
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- 13 (1) Two parents of children currently enrolled in grades
14 kindergarten through twelve shall be selected by the
15 President of the Senate;
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17 (2) Two parents of children currently enrolled in grades
18 kindergarten through twelve shall be selected by the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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21 (3) Three education professionals selected by the State
22 Board of Education from names submitted to it by the
23 Hawaii State Teachers Association;
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25 (4) The Board of Education Chairperson, or the
26 Chairperson's designee;
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28 (5) The Superintendent of the Department of Education, or
29 the Superintendent's designee;
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31 (6) The Executive Director of the Charter School
32 Administrative Office, or the Executive Director's
33 designee; and
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35 (7) The Executive Director of Hawaii P-20, or the
36 Executive Director's designee; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
39 requested to report to the Legislature its findings and
40 recommendations, including any proposals for legislation, to the



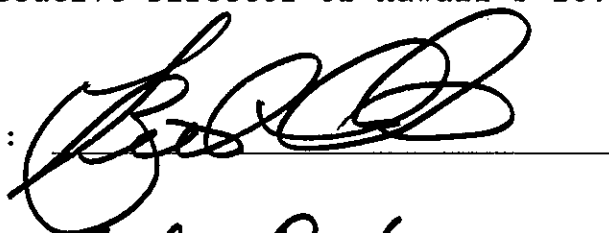
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1 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2016; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii; the Chair
6 of the Board of Education; the Superintendent of the Department
7 of Education; the Executive Director of the Charter School
8 Administrative Office; the President of the Hawaii State
9 Teachers Association; and the Executive Director of Hawaii P-20.

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