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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO EARN TEACHING DEGREES AND BECOME FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHERS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has been experiencing teacher shortages  
2 over the last several years, particularly in select fields in  
3 education; and  
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5           WHEREAS, many classes in Hawaii's public school system are  
6 severely overcrowded, or are being taught by educational  
7 assistants or long-term substitute teachers; and  
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9           WHEREAS, students learn more effectively when classes are  
10 taught by full-time, certified teachers who teach at the school  
11 on a stable, permanent basis; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the prohibitive cost of higher education is a  
14 significant obstacle that discourages many educational  
15 assistants and long-term substitute teachers from earning  
16 teaching degrees and certification; now, therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2017, that the Department of Education and University of  
21 Hawaii System are requested to develop programming and  
22 educational supports, including but not limited to stipend  
23 funding, for educational assistants and long-term substitute  
24 teachers to earn teaching degrees and become full-time certified  
25 teachers; and  
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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
28 requested to establish guidelines and criteria for the  
29 distribution of stipend funding; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the  
2 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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