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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-ninth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Education and University of Hawaii System are requested to
22 develop programming and educational supports, including but not
23 limited to stipend funding, for educational assistants and long-
24 term substitute teachers to earn teaching degrees and become
25 full-time certified 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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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 3 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson
 4 of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
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