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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S PROGRESS TOWARD AN ALTERNATIVE  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL LEADERS.

1           WHEREAS, strong school leadership is fundamental to  
2 creating an exceptional learning environment; and

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4           WHEREAS, the anticipated upcoming retirements of many  
5 current public-school principals will likely exacerbate the need  
6 for dynamic new leaders; and

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8           WHEREAS, visionary leaders with fresh perspectives are more  
9 important than ever as changes to the local and global economy  
10 require students to graduate with a future-oriented set of  
11 skills; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Department of Education's current system for  
14 hiring school leaders may unnecessarily restrict qualified and  
15 talented applicants from charter, private, or out-of-state  
16 schools; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Administrative Rules have articulated  
19 the requirements for an alternative certification program for  
20 school leaders since 2012; now, therefore,

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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
24 2019, that the State Auditor is requested to perform an audit of  
25 the Department of Education's activities related to an  
26 alternative certification program for school leaders pursuant to  
27 subchapter 8-65-2, Hawaii Administrative Rules; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit include the  
30 following:



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- 1 (1) Steps taken by the Department of Education to
- 2 implement an alternative certification program for
- 3 school leaders;
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- 5 (2) The number of school leaders who have completed this
- 6 program since 2012;
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- 8 (3) The degree of demand for an alternative certification
- 9 program for school leaders;
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- 11 (4) Whether any institutions have applied to be authorized
- 12 providers and what actions the Department of Education
- 13 has taken to recruit or respond to potential
- 14 providers;
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- 16 (5) How other states administer such an alternate
- 17 certification program for school leaders; and
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- 19 (6) Whether any action has been taken to develop
- 20 alternative pathways that would create hybrid roles in
- 21 which an individual could serve simultaneously as a
- 22 teacher and administrator; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor submit a  
 25 report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations, including  
 26 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
 27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, Chair of the  
 31 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.  
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