REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A
STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT A REOPENING PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING
SCHOOL YEAR BASED ON GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTERS
FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
declared a worldwide pandemic due to the nature of the
coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned virus forced the entire State
of Hawaii to implement a shelter-in-place order, initially
mandated by Governor David Ige in March of this year, with the
intent of reducing the number of people potentially exposed to
the virus; and

WHEREAS, under that order, large public gatherings were
sharply curtailed; and

WHEREAS, attending Hawaii Department of Education schools
and school-sponsored events were categorized as large public
gatherings and subject to the order; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education has continued
providing instruction through distance learning; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education has not
submitted a finalized plan to reopen the educational system for
approval by the Legislature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Hawaii
Department of Education, in conjunction with the Legislature, is
requested to develop a strategy to implement a reopening plan
for the upcoming school year based on guidelines established by
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of Education is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than June 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and Chairperson of the Board of Education.