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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE
COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, special education services provide special needs
2 students with academic, speech-language, psychological, physical
3 and occupational, and counseling accommodations; and
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5 WHEREAS, most of Hawaii's special education students are
6 performing below grade level in reading and mathematics, with
7 the achievement gap between special education students and
8 general education students increasing approximately ten percent
9 in reading and twenty-seven percent in math between the 2004-
10 2005 and 2013-2014 academic years; and
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12 WHEREAS, shortages of resources and qualified special
13 education teachers contribute to the challenges faced by special
14 education students in Hawaii; and
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16 WHEREAS, special education students are not homogenous, but
17 instead exist on a wide spectrum of capabilities and needs; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
22 that the Board of Education is encouraged to include within the
23 Committee on Weights at least one member who is a representative
24 of the special education community, such as a special education
25 teacher or a parent of an exceptional child; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
29 Education and Chairperson of the Committee on Weights.
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