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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's public education system is constantly  
2 criticized for the inadequate delivery of educational services  
3 and poor student achievement; and  
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5           WHEREAS, it has been recognized that the large bureaucracy  
6 that is the Department of Education (DOE) presents roadblocks  
7 that could prevent DOE and the individual schools from  
8 successfully performing their duties; and  
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10           WHEREAS, departmental leadership was decentralized through  
11 the creation of the complex area system with the intent of  
12 placing a greater number of decisions and a larger percentage of  
13 moneys directly in the hands of the individual schools and their  
14 leaders; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, aimed to  
17 implement comprehensive reform in Hawaii's public schools by,  
18 among other things, also reducing the bureaucracy that hampers  
19 the effectiveness of DOE and focusing more resources and control  
20 at the individual school level; and  
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22           WHEREAS, today, DOE remains under close public scrutiny;  
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25           WHEREAS, an audit would serve to further improve the  
26 critical educational services provided by this large taxpayer-  
27 funded institution, which absorbs 30 percent of the State  
28 budget, by examining in-depth the effectiveness of management  
29 and the efficiency of the department, including studying:  
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31           (1) How well DOE is organized and managed; and  
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33           (2) How efficiently DOE acquires and uses resources;



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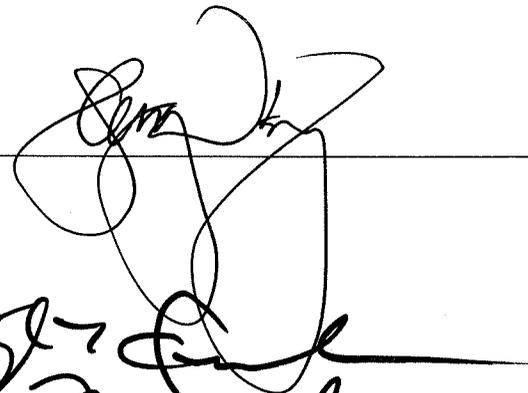
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4 WHEREAS, it is imperative that DOE remains committed to  
5 providing a quality education for all of Hawaii's children, with  
6 all staff members and resources dedicated to that mission; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the  
12 Auditor is requested to perform a management audit of the  
13 Department of Education, which shall focus on the DOE  
14 administration from the level of the Superintendent of Education  
15 to the complex area level; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor  
18 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
19 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
20 Regular Session of 2008; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor,  
24 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of  
25 Education.

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