
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE
PRACTICALITY OF HAVING A RESTRUCTURED ACCREDITATION PROCESS
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, thirty per cent of Hawaii public high school
2 graduates require serious remedial work when they arrive on
3 college campuses; and
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5 WHEREAS, even our best public high school graduates rank
6 twentieth on international tests against the best students of
7 other industrialized nations; and
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9 WHEREAS, historically, the only public high school model
10 that can be accredited for state funding in Hawaii is based on
11 the work of John Dewey and William Harris, who used a Prussian
12 military training manual as a base; and
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14 WHEREAS, time segmentation, age grouping, and the use of
15 bells and whistles in Hawaii high schools is centered on the
16 belief that all courses and methods should be planned without
17 regard to the individual students we serve; and
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19 WHEREAS, public school teachers and administrators in
20 Hawaii should have a choice of accrediting methods, whether a
21 top-down model or a student-first model, with both models
22 recognized by the State for funding purposes; and
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24 WHEREAS, the International Association of Schools and
25 Colleges accredits schools based on a system that starts with
26 the student as an individual and builds curriculum around each
27 student's aptitudes, interests, learning style, skill levels and
28 emotional maturity; and
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30 WHEREAS, accreditation through a system similar to the
31 International Association of Schools and Colleges model would



1 provide the best, logical step to really engage our children in
2 their own education; and

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4 WHEREAS, authorizing the use of this accreditation method
5 for our public schools is practical, and would not require
6 additional money or new facilities; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
11 Education is requested to evaluate the practicality of having a
12 restructured accreditation process for public schools in Hawaii,
13 using a model similar to the International Association of
14 Schools and Colleges; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Education
17 is requested to submit a report of the Department's findings and
18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
19 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
23 Education, and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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