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## SENATE 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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1 WHEREAS, it is imperative that DOE remains committed to  
2 providing a quality education for all of Hawaii's children, with  
3 all staff members and resources dedicated to that mission; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
8 that the Office of the Auditor is requested to perform a  
9 management audit of the Department of Education, which shall  
10 focus on the DOE administration from the level of the  
11 Superintendent of Education to the complex area level; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor  
14 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
15 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
16 Regular Session of 2008; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, Chairperson of  
20 the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.  
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