SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CREATING AN ADVISORY GROUP TO RE-ENGINEER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education's Office of Human Resources processes the placement and payment and keeps the records of thousands of Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Human Resources is converting all its hardcopy records into electronic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Human Resources has often been criticized for its slowness in processing applications and paychecks, loss of records, difficulty in information search, and user unfriendliness; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Work Group, consisting of many private business members, successfully aided the Department of Education in consolidating and transferring functions and/or personnel from the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of Human Resources Development, and the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has engaged the services of Accuity LLP to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the policies, procedures, and operations of its Office of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, an advisory group can greatly assist the Department of Education in implementing the recommendations of the Accuity assessment and identifying, if necessary, other areas that need improvement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is requested to establish an advisory group to assist its Office of Human Resources in implementing the recommendations made by the Accuity assessment and to further streamline and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department's Office of Human Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory group should include executives and human resources managers of private business as well as Department of Education human resources personnel and consist of a number of members as determined by the Department as long as the number of private industry members at least equals the number of Department personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory group is requested to prepare an interim progress and final report of its actions, findings, and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2009 and 2010, respectively; and

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