HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM THAT USES PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCES FOR A FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ON KAUAI AT NO COST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, projected public revenue is declining as the
national and global recessions affect the State economy and
reduces the resources available to the Department of Education;
and

6 WHEREAS, the State's current economic trouble highlights 7 the need to educate the youth in Hawaii to be economically and 8 financially literate citizens, who are capable of making sound 9 decisions regarding saving, investing, and loans, and are aware 10 of the consequences of poor financial decisions; and

WHEREAS, private sector resources, such as experts in the financial industry, literature on financial and economic subjects, and curriculum aides, may be available for use by individual public schools or groups of public schools at no cost to the Department of Education or the State; and

18 WHEREAS, the private sector resources may assist in 19 educating students about the economy and promote a better 20 understanding of principles and best practices that are 21 particularly relevant to students and families during the 22 current financial crisis; and

23 24 WHEREAS, public schools in the Kauai Complex Area should be 25 afforded the opportunity to work with the private sector to 26 determine whether there are ways to make private sector 27 resources for financial and economic education and literacy

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1 available to students at no cost to the Department of Education; 2 and

WHEREAS, private sector entities, such as banks, credit unions, insurance and securities agencies, financial counselors and planners, individual businesses, and business leaders, may be willing to volunteer their time and resources to educate public school students on ways to avoid poor economic and financial decisions; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be merit in providing a mechanism to match private sector resources for a financial and economic education and literacy program with the needs of students in public schools on Kauai; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 17 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Superintendent of 18 Education is requested to appoint a task force, chaired by the 19 Superintendent of the Kauai Complex Area, to report on the 20 21 feasibility of implementing a pilot program that uses private sector resources for a financial and economic education and 22 literacy program for public school students on Kauai at no cost 23 to the Department of Education; and ' 24

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force 26 should include representatives of the private sector on Kauai, 27 including banks, credit unions, insurance and securities 28 agencies, financial counselors and planners, and may include 29 other individual businesses and business leaders who may be 30 31 willing to volunteer their time and resources to the public schools on Kauai by helping to educate students on ways to avoid 32 poor economic and financial decisions; and 33 34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to 36 examine how the resources should be provided and recommend a way 37 to implement the pilot program and provide the resources to the 38 public schools on Kauai, including actions or initiatives that 39 require no change to laws, regulations, or policies; and 40

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Education 42 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the task 43 force's findings and recommendations no later than twenty days 44 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and



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1 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, Superintendent of the Kauai Complex Area, the 4 5 Executive Director of the Hawaii Bankers Association, the Chairperson of the Board of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the 6 Executive Director of the Hawaii Insurers Council, the President 7 of the Hawaii Council on Economic Education, and the President 8 of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce. 9 10 11 12 OFFERED BY:

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