
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
WORKING GROUP FORMED BY HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE USES OF STATE FISCAL
STABILIZATION FUND MONEYS, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF
STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
2 Act of 2009, the Governor is expected to receive a one-time
3 appropriation from the federal government through the State
4 Fiscal Stabilization Fund program; and
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6 WHEREAS, as a condition of the appropriation, the Governor
7 is expected to allocate State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys
8 to advance essential education reforms to benefit students from
9 early learning through post-secondary education, including such
10 uses as college- and career-ready standards and high-quality,
11 valid, and reliable assessments for all students; development
12 and use of pre-kindergarten through post-secondary and career
13 data systems; increasing teacher effectiveness and ensuring an
14 equitable distribution of qualified teachers; and turning around
15 the lowest performing schools; and
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17 WHEREAS, a working group has been convened by Hawaii's
18 congressional delegation to consider appropriate uses of State
19 Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and examine and determine the
20 most appropriate uses of the anticipated State Fiscal
21 Stabilization Fund moneys in Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, the working group includes representatives of
24 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the University of Hawaii, the
25 Department of Education, and the Legislature, thereby capturing
26 the intent and recommendations of the Legislature at both
27 federal and state levels, and by the lower and higher education
28 executive departments that stand to directly benefit from the
29 use of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys; and

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2 WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent receipt and
3 decision-making on the expenditure of State Fiscal Stabilization
4 Fund moneys, the working group has examined the requirements for
5 the proper use of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and has
6 agreed on recommendations for the most appropriate use of the
7 funds; and
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9 WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2009, the Department of Education
10 and the University of Hawaii are in agreement on a two-part
11 Proposal for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds under the American
12 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and
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14 WHEREAS, in Part A, 81.8 per cent (\$157,200,000 total) is
15 to be shared by the Department of Education and the University
16 of Hawaii in the following proportion: Department of Education
17 - 71.43 per cent (\$112,300,000) and University of Hawaii - 28.57
18 per cent (\$44,900,000); and
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20 WHEREAS, this agreement is based on the total budgets of
21 each entity, including general funds as reflected in H.B.
22 No. 200, H.D. 1, and the continued availability to each of
23 current levels of other funds, including special and revolving
24 funds, and recognizes that significant changes in the total
25 budgets of either entity may require revisiting the allocations
26 of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys between the Department
27 of Education and the University of Hawaii; and
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29 WHEREAS, Part A includes the following:
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- 31 (1) To be funded jointly by the Department of Education
32 and the University of Hawaii, each in proportion to
33 their respective share of the State Fiscal
34 Stabilization Fund:
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- 36 (A) Provide Early Childhood educator training and
37 support: \$1,000,000 over two years; and
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- 39 (B) Create Longitudinal Student Data System (P-20;
40 joint project): \$9,000,000 over two years (an
41 assurance required by the American Recovery and
42 Reinvestment Act);
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(2) To be funded by the Department of Education from its share of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (an assurance required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which is specific to the Department): Develop required assessments (ELL Assessment, Alternative Assessment, Hawaiian Aligned Portfolio Assessment, OnLine HSA): \$17,000,000 over two years; and

(3) Restore any budget reductions for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and Fiscal Year 2010-2011:

(A) The University of Hawaii will restore funds to program IDs in proportion to cuts to each campus and systemwide programs; and

(B) The Department of Education will restore: mandated programs at the Department; current services that enable the Department to meet the assurances; provided that after the foregoing restorations, any federal State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys remaining at the Department will be used for science labs, and school improvement for struggling schools; and

WHEREAS, in Part B: 18.2 per cent (\$35,000,000 total) is to be shared for capital improvement project lists of specific projects in the following proportion: University of Hawaii - \$12,250,000 (35 per cent of funds) and Department of Education - \$22,750,000 (65 per cent of funds); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the House of Representatives concurring, that pursuant to issuance of the recommendations of the working group, the Governor is requested to accept the recommendations as the most appropriate uses of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys and authorize the expenditure of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund moneys consistent with the recommendations of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of the working group, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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