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SENATE 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.

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

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

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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

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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
28 available to students at no cost to the Department of Education;
29 and



1 WHEREAS, private sector entities, such as banks, credit
2 unions, insurance and securities agencies, financial counselors
3 and planners, individual businesses, and business leaders, may
4 be willing to volunteer their time and resources to educate
5 public school students on ways to avoid poor economic and
6 financial decisions; and
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8 WHEREAS, there appears to be merit in providing a mechanism
9 to match private sector resources for a financial and economic
10 education and literacy program with the needs of students in
11 public schools on Kauai; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
15 that the Superintendent of Education is requested to appoint a
16 task force, chaired by the Superintendent of the Kauai Complex
17 Area, to report on the feasibility of implementing a pilot
18 program that uses private sector resources for a financial and
19 economic education and literacy program for public school
20 students on Kauai at no cost to the Department of Education; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force
23 should include representatives of the private sector on Kauai,
24 including banks, credit unions, insurance and securities
25 agencies, financial counselors and planners, and may include
26 other individual businesses and business leaders who may be
27 willing to volunteer their time and resources to the public
28 schools on Kauai by helping to educate students on ways to avoid
29 poor economic and financial decisions; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
32 examine how the resources should be provided and recommend a way
33 to implement the pilot program and provide the resources to the
34 public schools on Kauai, including actions or initiatives that
35 require no change to laws, regulations, or policies; and
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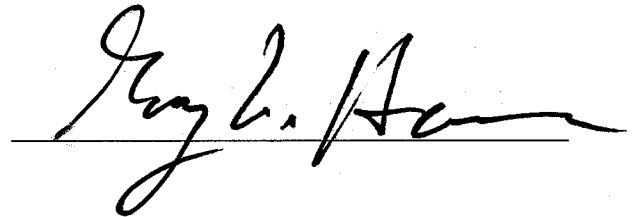
37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Education
38 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the task
39 force's findings and recommendations no later than twenty days
40 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
44 Superintendent of the Kauai Complex Area, the Executive Director



1 of the Hawaii Bankers Association, the Chairperson of the Board
2 of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the Executive Director of the
3 Hawaii Insurers Council, the President of the Hawaii Council on
4 Economic Education, and the President of the Kauai Chamber of
5 Commerce.

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8 OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy L. Hama", is written over a horizontal line.