
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A
CONSISTENT FUNDING FORMULA, PROCESS, OR BOTH, BY WHICH
EQUITABLE FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IS DETERMINED.

1 WHEREAS, charter schools in Hawaii are public schools
2 funded out of the Department of Education's budget; and
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4 WHEREAS, section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
5 some direction in determining which categories of funds are
6 included in the calculation of per-pupil funding to charter
7 schools; and
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9 WHEREAS, despite existing law, issues regarding the parity
10 of per-pupil funding to charter schools versus non-charter
11 public schools have arisen, with no resolution because of
12 disagreement over what is included and excluded in the
13 calculation of the per-pupil allocations; and
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15 WHEREAS, the inconsistent calculation of charter school
16 funding should be addressed to ensure that an equitable amount
17 of resources and opportunities for learning are provided to
18 charter school students and public non-charter school students;
19 now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the following are
24 requested to convene as members of the Charter Schools Funding
25 Task Force:
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27 (1) The Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School
28 Administrative Office;
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30 (2) The Chief Financial Officer of the Department of
31 Education;
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- (3) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;
- (4) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Finance;
- (5) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;
- (6) A representative of the Hookakoo Corporation;
- (7) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, or the Executive Director's designee; and
- (8) A representative of the Charter School Review Panel, to determine a funding formula, process, or both, to be used by all agencies in the calculation of charter school funding in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding Task Force is requested to examine the following in making its determinations:

- (1) Detailed information on the existing funding sources of the charter schools' per-pupil allocation;
- (2) Detailed information on the Department of Budget and Finance's method of calculating the Department of Education's per-pupil allocation and the charter schools' per-pupil allocation amounts;
- (3) Discrepancies and the reasons for discrepancies in calculations of per-pupil allocations for non-charter public schools and charter schools by various agencies; and
- (4) The portion of debt service, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement expenses that should be paid by charter schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School Administrative Office is requested to provide staff support for the Task Force; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Schools Funding
2 Task Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this measure is not intended to
8 hinder or impede the enactment of legislation addressing issues
9 relating to charter school funding during the Regular Session of
10 2010 or any Special Session of 2010 that may be convened; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
14 Education, Executive Director of the Charter School
15 Administrative Office, Chairperson of the Charter School Review
16 Panel, Chief Financial Officer of the Charter School
17 Administrative Office, Chief Financial Officer of the Department
18 of Education, Director of Finance, President of the Senate,
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson of the
20 House of Representatives Committee on Finance, Chairperson of
21 the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, CEO/Executive Director
22 of Hookakoo Corporation, and Executive Director of the Hawaii
23 Charter Schools Network.

