## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER USING THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON YOUNG STREET, ADJACENT TO THE ACADEMY ART CENTER, AS AN ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR TEACHERS.

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Academy of Arts' Academy Art Center at the former Linekona School has served thousands of students since it opened in 1990, and provides an avenue for schools, students, and teachers to learn and experience art through studio workshops, classes, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the arts is one of ten core education disciplines for which the Department of Education is required to meet national standards for grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, to meet national standards, the Department of Education needs to consider and evaluate its teaching of the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Academy of Arts is modernizing its eighty year old lending collection to help teachers meet state and national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has no central facility that offers teachers professional training and development in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has buildings adjacent to the Art Center that are currently used by the Office of School Facilities and Support Services; and

WHEREAS, school facilities are being downsized elsewhere; and

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WHEREAS, moving the Office of School Facilities and Support Services to another location and taking advantage of the expertise at the Honolulu Academy of Arts and the Academy Art Center would permit the Department of Education to create a training and learning center in the buildings adjacent to the Art Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Department of Education is requested to consider using the property located on Young Street, adjacent to the Honolulu Academy of Arts' Academy Art Center, as an art resource center for teachers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to establish a working group to explore the feasibility of relocating the Office of School Facilities and Support Services and repurposing this space as an art resource center for teachers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be comprised of the following:

(1) The Superintendent of Education, or the superintendent's representative, who is requested to chair the working group;

(2) A representative from the Honolulu Academy of Arts;

(3) Elected state officials from the area around the Academy Art Center and who are interested in the arts and arts education, or their representatives;

(4) A representative of the Hawaii State Teachers Association; and

(5) Other members from the immediate community whose input the superintendent deems advisable to obtain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, the



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Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Honolulu Academy of Arts, the President of the Hawaii State Senate, the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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