SENATE CONCURRENT 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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, school facilities are being downsized elsewhere; and

28 29 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, 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 Department's 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 representing the areas around the Academy Art Center 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 local community of the potential site whose input the Superintendent deems advisable to obtain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of

- 1 Representatives, Honolulu Academy of Arts, and Hawaii State
- 2 Teachers Association.