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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO CONVENE  
A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING  
A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRANTING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAM FOR ADULT LEARNERS.

1 WHEREAS, there exists a substantial proportion of adult  
2 residents without a high school diploma who desire to earn such  
3 qualifications; and

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5 WHEREAS, individuals with a high school diploma earn more  
6 on average than individuals with a General Educational  
7 Development transcript; and

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9 WHEREAS, the existing state high school enrollment age  
10 limit enacted by Act 163, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, prevents  
11 adult learners older than twenty years of age from enrolling in  
12 public high school programs; and

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14 WHEREAS, public charter schools are potentially capable of  
15 filling important educational niches absent in the state public  
16 school system model, including the operation of high school  
17 programs for adult learners between the ages of twenty and  
18 twenty-six; and

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20 WHEREAS, section 302D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
21 establishes the State Public Charter School Commission for the  
22 authorization of high-quality public charter schools throughout  
23 the State under the oversight of the Board of Education; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State Public Charter School Commission is the  
26 sole authorizer of public charter schools; and

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28 WHEREAS, at least two other state legislatures have enacted  
29 legislation creating adult high school diploma public charter  
30 school programs, including Arkansas and Texas; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to improving the  
2 secondary learning opportunities of adult learners in the State  
3 of Hawaii who were previously unable to attain a high school  
4 diploma; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
8 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the State Public  
9 Charter School Commission is requested to form a working group  
10 to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a high school  
11 diploma granting public charter school program for adult  
12 learners; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group examine  
15 potential impacts to existing adult education programs,  
16 including the Department of Education's Community School for  
17 Adults; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall consist  
20 of, but not be limited to, interested legislators, the  
21 Superintendent of the Department of Education, a member of the  
22 Board of Education, a member of the State Public Charter School  
23 Commission, members of community non-profits who have experience  
24 working with adult learners, and other interested stakeholders;  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members are requested to  
28 select a chair of the working group from among themselves; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Public Charter School  
31 Commission shall submit a report of the working group's findings  
32 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
33 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
34 the Regular Session of 2017; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved  
37 on June 30, 2017; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
41 Board of Education, Chairperson of the State Public Charter



1 School Commission, and Executive Director of the State Public  
2 Charter School Commission.  
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