HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016 STATE OF HAWAII



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

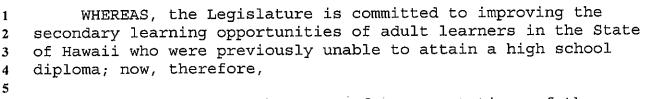
REQUESTING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRANTING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR ADULT LEARNERS.

WHEREAS, there exists a substantial proportion of adult 1 residents without a high school diploma who desire to earn such 2 qualifications; and 3 4 WHEREAS, individuals with a high school diploma earn more 5 on average than individuals with a General Educational 6 Development transcript; and 7 8 WHEREAS, the existing state high school enrollment age 9 limit enacted by Act 163, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, prevents 10 adult learners older than twenty years of age from enrolling in 11 public high school programs; and 12 13 WHEREAS, public charter schools are potentially capable of 14 filling important educational niches absent in the state public 15 school system model, including the operation of high school 16 programs for adult learners between the ages of twenty and 17 twenty-six; and 18 19 WHEREAS, section 302D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 20 establishes the State Public Charter School Commission for the 21 authorization of high-quality public charter schools throughout 22 the State under the oversight of the Board of Education; and 23 24 WHEREAS, the State Public Charter School Commission is the 25 sole authorizer of public charter schools; and 26 27 WHEREAS, at least two other state legislatures have enacted 28 legislation creating adult high school diploma public charter 29 school programs, including Arkansas and Texas; and 30 31



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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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall consist of, but not be limited to, interested legislators, the Superintendent of the Department of Education, a member of the Board of Education, a member of the State Public Charter School Commission, members of community non-profits who have experience working with adult learners, and other interested stakeholders; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members are requested to
select a chair of the working group from among themselves; and

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

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

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

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

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