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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON
UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education receives federal
2 grants for public education which must be used for specific
3 purposes within specific periods of time, or else be returned to
4 the federal government; and
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6 WHEREAS, each grant has a Catalog of Federal Domestic
7 Assistance (CFDA) number which categorizes the grant and
8 identifies its intended purpose and any attached guidelines; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Education underwent a financial
11 audit in each of the years 2013 to 2016; and
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13 WHEREAS, each of these audits revealed that the Department
14 of Education had underutilized over \$175,000,000 of federal
15 funding per year; and
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17 WHEREAS, a clear understanding of all federal funds
18 available for public education in Hawaii, including their
19 purposes and expiration dates, is critical to inform decisions
20 regarding the total funding of public education in Hawaii; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
25 that the Department of Education is requested to review its
26 financial records from the last five fiscal years, specifically
27 its revenue from federal grants, including titled,
28 discretionary, and formula-based grants, and submit a report of
29 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
30 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
31 of 2019, on unutilized, lapsed federal grant revenue for public
32 education; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report identify:
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1 (1) All federal grants which the Department received over
2 the last five years;

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4 (2) The amount of funds used from each grant;

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6 (3) The amount of funds left unused and lapsed from each
7 grant; and

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9 (4) Ways that any unused funds could have been used; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report contain the
12 description of each grant and the CFDA number for each grant;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
16 requested to provide a copy of the report to the Governor;
17 President of the Senate; Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives; Chairperson of the Board of Education;
19 Superintendent of Education; Chair and Executive Director of the
20 State Public Charter School Commission; Chairperson of the
21 Senate Committee on Education; Chairperson of the House of
22 Representatives Committee on Education; Chairperson of the
23 Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs; Chairperson of the House
24 of Representatives Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and
25 Hawaiian Affairs; Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
26 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and all county mayors, no later than
27 ten days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President of the
32 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Chairperson of
33 the Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; Chair and
34 Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
35 Commission; Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education;
36 Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on
37 Education; Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian
38 Affairs; Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee
39 on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs; Chairperson of
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1 the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and all
2 county mayors.
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