SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION'S STATEWIDE BACKLOG OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REPAIR
AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.

1   WHEREAS, many of the public school facilities in the State
2 are in need of repair or renovation; and
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4   WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Department of Education
5 reported to the Legislature that the school repair and
6 maintenance backlog was $293,000,000 as of 2017; and
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8   WHEREAS, however, the Department of Education later
9 reported that the true backlog was $868,000,000; and
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11   WHEREAS, there is a need for greater transparency and
12 fiscal discipline by the Department of Education; and
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14   WHEREAS, while the Department of Education has taken
15 initial steps to improve in these areas with the creation of the
16 capital improvement program project tracker system, further
17 accountability is necessary to ensure that resources are used
18 effectively and efficiently; and
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20   WHEREAS, an audit of the Department of Education would
21 allow the State and public to see what progress is being made on
22 these projects and how monies are being used; now, therefore,
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24   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
26 Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
27 conduct an audit of the Department of Education's statewide
28 backlog of capital improvement repair and maintenance projects;
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1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
2 include projects related to the renovation of central, district,
3 and program offices in the audit; and
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5   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
6 submit a report of the Auditor's findings, including any
7 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
8 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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10   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
12 of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Auditor.
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OFFERED BY: _____