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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER HAWAII RESIDENTS AS  
PART OF THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE POOL TO SERVE AS  
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021, Superintendent Christina  
2 Kishimoto announced that she will not be seeking a renewal of  
3 her contract as Superintendent of Education of Hawaii's public  
4 school system; and

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6           WHEREAS, Superintendent Christina Kishimoto's term as  
7 Superintendent of Education ends on July 30, 2021; and

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9           WHEREAS, as the chief executive officer of Hawaii's public  
10 school system, the Superintendent of Education's  
11 responsibilities are vast, including serving as an instructional  
12 leader and administering programs of education and public  
13 instruction throughout the State; and

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15           WHEREAS, the search for a new Superintendent of Education  
16 is a rigorous and extensive process to enable the Board of  
17 Education to appoint a leader to head the Department of  
18 Education, the only statewide public school district in the  
19 nation, that comprises fifteen complex areas and two hundred  
20 fifty-seven public schools and about one hundred eighty thousand  
21 students; and

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23           WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Superintendent of  
24 Education include: administering education at the primary and  
25 secondary school levels; adult education; school library  
26 services; health education and instruction, excluding dental  
27 health treatment; special education and Title I funded programs  
28 at the prekindergarten level; and other programs as established  
29 by law; and



1           WHEREAS, the appointment of a Superintendent of Education  
2 to head the Department of Education is time-critical, especially  
3 given the educational, health, fiscal, and other impacts of the  
4 coronavirus on the education of students; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Superintendent of  
7 Education is evermore important as the State seeks to safely  
8 reopen schools and lead Hawaii's public school system out of  
9 this pandemic and into the future; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Board of Education's vision and direction for  
12 the Department of Education are factors in determining the  
13 necessary qualifications, experience, knowledge, focus, and  
14 attributes of qualified applicants to be considered for a new  
15 Superintendent of Education to lead Hawaii's public school  
16 system; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Hawaii residents, including individuals from  
19 Hawaii's public school system, are integral to creating a pool  
20 of qualified applicants and candidates who possess the requisite  
21 organizational and leadership skills and vision to lead the  
22 Department of Education and promote and sustain instructional  
23 programs conducive to student learning and achievement and staff  
24 professional growth; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education is  
29 urged to consider Hawaii residents as part of the qualified  
30 candidate pool to serve as Superintendent of Education of  
31 Hawaii's public school system; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is  
34 requested to consider applicants from Hawaii's public school  
35 system as part of the qualified candidate pool; and

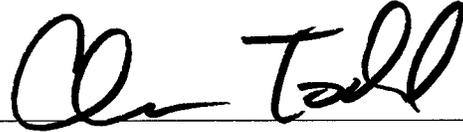


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Education.

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