
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER HAWAII RESIDENTS WITH EXPERIENCE SERVING IN THE POSITION OF TEACHER OR HIGHER IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM 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



1 at the prekindergarten level; and other programs as established
2 by law; and

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4 WHEREAS, the appointment of a Superintendent of Education
5 to head the Department of Education is time-critical, especially
6 given the educational, health, fiscal, and other impacts of the
7 coronavirus on the education of students; and

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9 WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Superintendent of
10 Education is evermore important as the State seeks to safely
11 reopen schools and lead Hawaii's public school system out of
12 this pandemic and into the future; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Board of Education's vision and direction for
15 the Department of Education are factors in determining the
16 necessary qualifications, experience, knowledge, focus, and
17 attributes of qualified applicants to be considered for a new
18 Superintendent of Education to lead Hawaii's public school
19 system; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents, including individuals from
22 Hawaii's public school system, are integral to creating a pool
23 of qualified applicants and candidates who possess the requisite
24 organizational and leadership skills and vision to lead the
25 Department of Education and promote and sustain instructional
26 programs conducive to student learning and achievement and staff
27 professional growth; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education is
32 urged to consider Hawaii residents with experience serving in
33 the position of teacher or higher in Hawaii's public school
34 system as part of the qualified candidate pool to serve as
35 Superintendent of Education of Hawaii's public school system;
36 and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
40 Board of Education.

