
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S PROGRESS TOWARD, AND NEXT STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF, AN ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL LEADERS, PURSUANT TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 65, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

1 WHEREAS, strong school leadership is fundamental to
2 creating an exceptional learning environment; and

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4 WHEREAS, the anticipated upcoming retirements of many
5 current public school principals will likely exacerbate the need
6 for dynamic new leaders; and

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8 WHEREAS, visionary leaders with fresh perspectives are more
9 important than ever as changes to the local and global economies
10 require students to graduate with a future-oriented set of
11 skills; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's current system for
14 hiring school leaders may unnecessarily restrict qualified and
15 talented applicants from charter, private, or out-of-state
16 schools; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Administrative Rules have articulated
19 the requirements for an alternative certification program for
20 school leaders since 2012; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2021, that the Department of Education is requested to
25 convene a working group to review and report on the Department
26 of Education's progress toward, and next steps for
27 implementation of, an alternative certification program for
28 school leaders, pursuant to title 8, chapter 65, Hawaii
29 Administrative Rules; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group's review and
2 report is requested to include the following:

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4 (1) The number of retirement-eligible public school
5 principals in the 2020-2021 school year;
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7 (2) Steps taken by the Department of Education to
8 implement an alternative certification program for
9 school leaders;
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11 (3) If an alternative certification program has been
12 implemented, the number of school leaders who have
13 completed this alternative certification program since
14 2012;
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16 (4) The degree of demand for an alternative certification
17 program for school leaders;
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19 (5) Whether any institutions have applied to be authorized
20 providers and what actions the Department of Education
21 has taken to recruit or respond to potential
22 providers;
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24 (6) The states or programs, if any, with which the
25 Department of Education consulted regarding the
26 administration of an alternative certification program
27 for school leaders; and
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29 (7) If an alternative certification program has not been
30 fully implemented, the next steps necessary for
31 implementing such a program for school leaders; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
34 to consist of the following members:

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36 (1) One member of the Senate, to be designated by the
37 President of the Senate and who shall serve as
38 co-chair of the working group;
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40 (2) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
41 designated by the Speaker of the House of



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Representatives and who shall serve as co-chair of the working group;

(3) The Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's designee; and

(4) The Chair of the Board of Education, or the Chair's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the working group are requested to invite the following representatives to participate as members of the working group:

(1) A Department of Education complex area superintendent;

(2) A Department of Education principal;

(3) A representative of the Department of Education's Leadership Institute;

(4) A participant in the Department of Education's Hawaii Certification Institute for School Leaders;

(5) A representative of the Hawaii State Teachers Association;

(6) A representative of the Hawaii Government Employees Association;

(7) A representative of an education advocacy nonprofit organization;

(8) A representative of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools;

(9) A representative of the Hawaii Public Charter School Commission;

(10) A representative of a university education administration department;



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(11) A representative of a local philanthropic organization;

(12) An expert in the field of alternative certification of educators;

(13) An expert in the field of distance learning; and

(14) Any other individuals the co-chairs recommend; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group, with the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall serve without compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall dissolve on January 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:



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