
HOUSE 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
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, that the Board of Education is urged to consider Hawaii
29 residents with experience serving in the position of teacher or
30 higher in Hawaii's public school system as part of the qualified
31 candidate pool to serve as Superintendent of Education of
32 Hawaii's public school system; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
36 Education.

