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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRICAL  
ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PURPOSES OF HEAT ABATEMENT  
AND AIR FILTRATION UPGRADES.

1           WHEREAS, hot classroom temperatures in Hawai'i's public  
2 schools can adversely affect students by making them drowsy,  
3 irritable, and unmotivated; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawai'i's overheated classrooms can also cause  
6 students to suffer headaches, nausea, heat rashes, heat  
7 exhaustion, and, in severe cases, heat stroke; and  
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9           WHEREAS, studies show that while classroom temperatures  
10 over eighty degrees can negatively impact student achievement,  
11 temperatures in Hawai'i's classrooms are regularly recorded at  
12 over one hundred degrees during certain periods of the school  
13 year; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated funds under Act 47,  
16 Session Laws of Hawaii 2016 (Act 47), for purposes of heat  
17 abatement upgrades for Department of Education schools; and  
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19           WHEREAS, despite the funds appropriated under Act 47, more  
20 than five thousand Department of Education schools remain in  
21 need of heat abatement upgrades; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the ability to implement heat abatement upgrades  
24 depends in large part on electrical capacity and improvements to  
25 increase electrical capacity; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
28 has exposed the need for air purification measures in school  
29 classrooms, placing further demand on electrical capacity; now,  
30 therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 43

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 4 Education is requested to conduct an electrical assessment on  
 5 all public and conversion charter schools in the State; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested assessment shall  
 8 determine whether, for each school, electrical capacity is  
 9 sufficient to support the installation of air conditioning units  
 10 and air purifying devices in classrooms, and for each classroom,  
 11 the assessment shall indicate the level of electrical capacity  
 12 needed; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 15 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
 16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 18 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 22 Education.

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OFFERED BY:


