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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A COMPARISON  
STUDY AND REIMBURSE CERTAIN TEACHER EXPENDITURES FOR  
CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.

1 WHEREAS, all students deserve adequate access to classroom  
2 supplies, regardless of where they live; and  
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4 WHEREAS, teachers outside of large urban areas, in counties  
5 with populations of less than two-hundred thousand, do not have  
6 adequate access to large discount retailers of school classroom  
7 supplies; and  
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9 WHEREAS, as a result, these teachers often incur higher  
10 expenses to purchase essential and additional classroom  
11 supplies, often with personal funds, than their counterparts in  
12 large urban areas; and  
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14 WHEREAS, this disparity in classroom supply costs  
15 disproportionally impacts students and teachers who live and  
16 work in counties with populations of less than two-hundred  
17 thousand; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
21 that the Department of Education is requested, for school year  
22 2021-2022, to conduct a comparison study of the average per-  
23 classroom supply expenses in counties with populations of less  
24 than two-hundred thousand versus the average per-classroom  
25 supply expenses in counties with populations of more than two-  
26 hundred thousand; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
29 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
31 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
32 the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
35 requested to reimburse all expenditures of personal funds that



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1 are reasonably and necessarily incurred by teachers who live or  
2 work in counties with populations of less than two-hundred for  
3 the purchase of essential and additional classroom supplies; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.  
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OFFERED BY:

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