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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT STUDY OF
TWO POTENTIAL DEDICATED SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, public education is a critical pillar of a
2 productive and equitable society; and
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4 WHEREAS, article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State
5 Constitution requires the State to provide a system of public
6 education; and
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8 WHEREAS, funding for public education in Hawaii is
9 primarily sourced from the State's general fund; and
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11 WHEREAS, public education in Hawaii is not adequately
12 funded; and
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14 WHEREAS, chronic underfunding of public schools undermines
15 the State's goal of providing a quality education to all
16 children in the State; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop a durable, dedicated
19 source of funding the State's public education system, to ensure
20 that the State will be able to prepare children to meet the
21 social and economic demands of the future; and
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23 WHEREAS, one option for a dedicated source of funding
24 public education in the State is a state lottery; and
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26 WHEREAS, a second option for a dedicated source of funding
27 public education in the State is a one per cent allocation of
28 county real property tax revenues; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
32 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to study and



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1 determine the potential yield of a state lottery as a dedicated
2 source of funding for the State's public education system; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
5 Bureau is requested to study and determine the potential yield
6 of a one per cent allocation of county real property tax
7 revenues as a dedicated source of funding for the State's public
8 education system; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
11 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
12 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau
18 and Department of Education.
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OFFERED BY: 

