

---

---

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PRODUCE A REPORT ON INCREASING ACCESS TO TUTORING SERVICES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF HAWAII'S K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's public schools, administrators, teachers,  
2 personnel, and, most importantly, students are still in a state  
3 of vulnerability and recovery amidst the aftermath of the  
4 COVID-19 pandemic's academic and social-emotional impacts; and

5  
6           WHEREAS, although Hawaii's students have demonstrated  
7 admirable resilience over the past three years despite these  
8 challenges, student achievement in math and reading has not  
9 recovered to pre-pandemic levels; and

10  
11           WHEREAS, federal relief dollars associated with COVID-19  
12 recovery are still available and unassigned, and may be used  
13 flexibly to assist in mitigating learning loss and  
14 social-emotional learning gaps for students in K-12 public  
15 schools; and

16  
17           WHEREAS, more than forty percent of school districts and  
18 charter schools across the country plan to utilized federal  
19 COVID-19 relief monies to fund tutoring programs that will close  
20 gaps in reading and mathematics caused by COVID-19 related  
21 learning loss; and

22  
23           WHEREAS, as of July 2022, nearly \$3,000,000,000 of COVID-19  
24 relief funds across the country have been allocated to math and  
25 reading tutoring programs; and

26  
27           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education approved  
28 Hawaii's COVID-19 relief plan in 2021, which included high  
29 dosage and individualized tutoring programs for students  
30 enrolled in Hawaii public schools; and

31



1 WHEREAS, research consistently shows that high dosage  
2 tutoring is one of the most effective ways to increase student  
3 achievement; and  
4

5 WHEREAS, providing tutoring to Hawaii's students will  
6 minimize learning loss and stimulate student academic growth;  
7 now, therefore,  
8

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2023, that the Board of Education is requested to  
12 produce a report, in partnership with the Department of  
13 Education, on increasing access to tutoring services within and  
14 outside of Hawaii's K-12 public schools; and  
15

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in preparing the report, the  
17 Board of Education is requested to:  
18

- 19 (1) Assess student access and equity regarding tutoring  
20 services in the Hawaii public school system;  
21
- 22 (2) Assess the remaining amount of COVID-19 relief funds  
23 allotted via the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
24 Economic Security Act, federal Elementary and  
25 Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, and federal  
26 American Rescue Plan for tutoring purposes;  
27
- 28 (3) Recommend methods to support schools' efforts to  
29 engage the community and hire in-person tutors where  
30 possible with tutoring sessions occurring on campus  
31 and during school hours, with individualized virtual  
32 tutoring available in the event that there is not  
33 enough staff for full in-person tutoring;  
34
- 35 (4) Articulate how funds can be prioritized for schools  
36 that serve predominantly low-income populations,  
37 especially schools that qualify for Title I funding,  
38 in rural or remote areas that may struggle to find in-  
39 person tutors and onsite school interventionists and  
40 for schools experiencing academic distress;  
41



# H.R. NO. 159

- 1 (5) Include how students not attending a school described
- 2 in paragraph (4) but who still require assistance to
- 3 recover from COVID-19 related learning loss, including
- 4 students with special needs, can access tutoring; and
- 5
- 6 (6) Include an examination of how a fund or reimbursement
- 7 process could be established for students to access
- 8 private tutoring in the event that their school is not
- 9 offering an on-campus or virtual program; and

10  
 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is  
 12 requested to submit the report, including any findings,  
 13 recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no  
 14 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
 15 Session of 2024; and

16  
 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
 19 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

20  
 21  
 22

OFFERED BY:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR 10 2023

