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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FINANCES.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Education is responsible for the  
2 repair and maintenance of 4,425 buildings statewide, which is  
3 more than twenty million square feet of space; and  
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5           WHEREAS, this is a time-consuming and financially-draining  
6 task as approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's public schools  
7 are more than one hundred years old, and the average age of  
8 school buildings in the State is seventy-two years; and  
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10           WHEREAS, properly repairing and maintaining public school  
11 buildings is necessary for the safety of Hawaii's students and  
12 teachers; and  
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14           WHEREAS, as of January 2024, the Department of Education  
15 had over \$2 billion in unspent capital improvement program funds  
16 at school facilities; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Department of Education received nearly \$1  
19 billion in the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for capital improvement  
20 project appropriations; and  
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22           WHEREAS, fiscal accountability and oversight are critical  
23 to ensure proper spending by the Department of Education while  
24 providing Hawaii's students with safe learning environments; and  
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26           WHEREAS, this body finds that it is necessary to increase  
27 transparency and disciplined and timely spending of capital  
28 improvement program funds by the Department of Education, as  
29 many public school facilities in the State are in need of repair  
30 or renovation; and  
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32           WHEREAS, an audit of the Department of Education could help  
33 identify any shortcomings in the current distribution of funds



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1 and determine any necessary changes to increase the efficiency  
2 of the Department of Education's capital improvement repair and  
3 maintenance projects; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
8 conduct an audit of the Department of Education's capital  
9 improvement projects; and  
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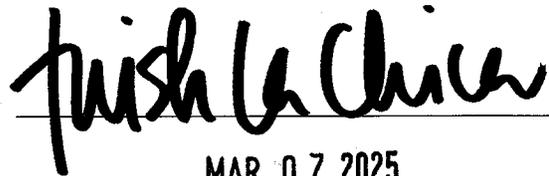
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to  
12 examine the Department of Education's finances relating to  
13 capital improvement projects since 2021; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to  
16 include how the Department of Education expends moneys on  
17 capital improvement projects, including the prioritization of  
18 projects; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
21 submit a report of the findings and recommendations, including  
22 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
23 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
24 2026; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and  
28 Superintendent of Education.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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