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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY SCHOOLS
HAVING AGING EQUIPMENT AND REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT WITH NEW
AND MODERNIZED EQUIPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education operates a single
2 statewide public school district with fifteen regional complex
3 areas; and

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5 WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 academic year, 152,270 students
6 are enrolled in two-hundred fifty-eight public schools
7 throughout the State; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Education employs approximately
10 thirteen thousand teachers, librarians, and counselors, in
11 addition to approximately ten thousand educational officers,
12 civil service, and support services personnel; and

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14 WHEREAS, each year, funding for school facility upgrades
15 and maintenance are among the most frequently requested
16 legislative capital improvements; and

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18 WHEREAS, public schools also have a growing need for the
19 replacement and modernization of aging school equipment; and

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21 WHEREAS, the replacement, refurbishment, and modernization
22 of school equipment will ensure the needs of Hawaii's teachers,
23 school staff, and students are fully met now and into the
24 future; and

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26 WHEREAS, upgrading school equipment may increase the
27 physical activity and mental health needs of students; now,
28 therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of



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1 Education is requested to identify schools having aging
2 equipment and replace the equipment with new and modernized
3 equipment; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
7 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
8 Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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