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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUNDATIONS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO  
OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID TO GRADUATES AND  
PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, well-established and supportive foundations  
2 throughout Hawaii's public high schools will help graduates  
3 further their education, enhance public schools' image, provide  
4 a means for public school graduates to demonstrate their  
5 appreciation and gratitude for what public schools have  
6 provided, and inject support to schools for unfunded needs; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Farrington High School and McKinley High School  
9 have well-established foundations that have provided countless  
10 scholarships to their graduates and, at times, urgent and  
11 immediate support for their school's unfunded needs; and  
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13           WHEREAS, few public schools beside Farrington High School  
14 and McKinley High School have established such foundational  
15 support; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in 2012, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent  
18 Resolution No. 77, S.D. 1, which requested the Board of  
19 Education and Department of Education to establish a statewide  
20 resource development program to assist the complex areas in  
21 creating endowments to benefit Hawaii's public schools; and  
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23           WHEREAS, since Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 77, S.D. 1  
24 (2012), was adopted, little progress has been made in  
25 establishing new school foundations; and  
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27           WHEREAS, establishing school foundations require dedicated  
28 organizers who must navigate a multitude of requirements, such



1 as creating a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a charter,  
2 bylaws, and board of directors; and

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4 WHEREAS, establishing such foundations also require  
5 expertise in legal matters, accounting, investment, and  
6 technology; and

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8 WHEREAS, individuals who endeavor to create a foundation  
9 for their high schools often lack the expertise and skills  
10 required to establish the foundation and can get discouraged and  
11 frustrated at the difficulties involved; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
16 is requested to support the establishment of foundations in  
17 public high schools to offer scholarships and financial aid to  
18 graduates and provide financial support to the schools; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
21 requested to establish a statewide resource development program  
22 to provide institutional assistance to school foundation  
23 organizers in:

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25 (1) Navigating nonprofit status for a school foundation;

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27 (2) Creating charters and bylaws for the school  
28 foundation;

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30 (3) Providing financial and accounting advice and  
31 assistance;

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33 (4) Assisting with technology needs, including website  
34 creation; and

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36 (5) Helping overcome other obstacles that deter the  
37 efforts in establishing a school foundation;

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39 provided that the Department of Education is not obligated to  
40 serve as the oversight entity for any school foundation  
41 established pursuant to this resolution; and

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# H.C.R. NO. 47

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

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