
HOUSE 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
29 as creating a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a charter,
30 bylaws, and board of directors; and
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1 WHEREAS, establishing such foundations also require
2 expertise in legal matters, accounting, investment, and
3 technology; and
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5 WHEREAS, individuals who endeavor to create a foundation
6 for their high schools often lack the expertise and skills
7 required to establish the foundation and can get discouraged and
8 frustrated at the difficulties involved; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2026, that the Department of Education is requested to
13 support the establishment of foundations in public high schools
14 to offer scholarships and financial aid to graduates and provide
15 financial support to the schools; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
18 requested to establish a statewide resource development program
19 to provide institutional assistance to school foundation
20 organizers in:
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- 22 (1) Navigating nonprofit status for a school foundation;
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- 24 (2) Creating charters and bylaws for the school
25 foundation;
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- 27 (3) Providing financial and accounting advice and
28 assistance;
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- 30 (4) Assisting with technology needs, including website
31 creation; and
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- 33 (5) Helping overcome other obstacles that deter the
34 efforts in establishing a school foundation;
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36 provided that the Department of Education is not obligated to
37 serve as the oversight entity for any school foundation
38 established pursuant to this resolution; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
42 Education and Superintendent of Education.



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