
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE
PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education manages the largest
2 public infrastructure portfolio in the State, including hundreds
3 of public school campuses and facilities that require ongoing
4 maintenance, renovation, and construction; and
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6 WHEREAS, capital improvement projects are critical to
7 ensuring that public school facilities are safe, functional,
8 modern, and capable of supporting student learning and
9 educational outcomes; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State has appropriated significant funding
12 over time for school facility planning, design, construction,
13 and deferred maintenance projects; and
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15 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the size and
16 duration of the Department of Education's capital improvement
17 project backlog and the pace at which projects are implemented
18 and completed; and
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20 WHEREAS, policymakers and the public would benefit from a
21 comprehensive and transparent audit of the Department of
22 Education's capital improvement program; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Office of the Auditor is authorized to conduct
25 performance audits of state agencies and programs to improve
26 accountability, transparency, and effectiveness in the use of
27 public funds; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
2 Auditor is requested to conduct a comprehensive performance
3 audit of the Department of Education's capital improvement
4 program; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to
7 include but not be limited to:

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9 (1) Any policies and procedures the Department of
10 Education has adopted to achieve the goals of the
11 program, including how capital improvement projects
12 are prioritized and the internal controls to eliminate
13 or reduce risks that may delay capital improvement
14 projects;
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16 (2) An assessment of the Department of Education's
17 performance relative to those policies and procedures;
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19 (3) A comprehensive audit of any annual funds for any
20 capital improvement projects that have lapsed since
21 2021;
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23 (4) An assessment of how capital improvement projects are
24 initiated and managed; and
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26 (5) An assessment of any prior state or Department-
27 initiated or contracted studies, reports, or
28 assessments related to school facilities, capital
29 improvement planning, or repair and maintenance
30 backlogs, including the extent to which the Department
31 of Education has implemented or failed to implement
32 the findings and recommendations of such studies, and
33 the reasons for any lack of implementation;

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35 provided that for the purposes of the audit, "capital
36 improvement project" is requested to mean any project for which
37 the Legislature has appropriated funds to the Department of
38 Education as a capital improvement project; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
41 requested to submit a report of its findings and
42 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2027; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
6 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
7 Education, and State Auditor.

