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# 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  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the



1 Auditor is requested to conduct a comprehensive performance  
2 audit of the Department of Education's capital improvement  
3 program; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to  
6 include but not be limited to:  
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8 (1) Any policies and procedures the Department of  
9 Education has adopted to achieve the goals of the  
10 program, including how capital improvement projects  
11 are prioritized and the internal controls to eliminate  
12 or reduce risks that may delay capital improvement  
13 projects;  
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15 (2) An assessment of the Department of Education's  
16 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 in the  
21 previous year;  
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23 provided that for the purposes of the audit, "capital  
24 improvement project" is requested to mean any project for which  
25 the Legislature has appropriated funds to the Department of  
26 Education as a capital improvement project; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is  
29 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
31 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
32 the Regular Session of 2027; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
36 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of  
37 Education, and State Auditor.

