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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MICRO-CREDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM  
DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF  
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND THE HAWAII STATE  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

1           WHEREAS, high-quality professional development for teachers  
2 is essential for strengthening instructional practices,  
3 supporting educator growth, and improving student learning  
4 outcomes across the State; and

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6           WHEREAS, micro-credential programs provide competency-based  
7 professional learning opportunities that enable educators to  
8 demonstrate mastery of specific instructional strategies and  
9 professional practices; and

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11           WHEREAS, the National Education Association has developed a  
12 nationally recognized micro-credential program designed to  
13 support educator learning, leadership development, and classroom  
14 innovation; and

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16           WHEREAS, the National Education Association  
17 Micro-Credential Pilot Program was developed in collaboration  
18 with the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design and the  
19 Hawaii State Teachers Association; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Pilot Program is intended to provide licensed  
22 teachers working in public and charter schools throughout the  
23 State with access to high-quality professional development  
24 opportunities at no cost for National Education Association or  
25 Hawaii State Teachers Association members, and for a fee of \$75  
26 for non-members; and

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28           WHEREAS, eliminating financial barriers to professional  
29 development opportunities encourages broader educator  
30 participation and supports continuous professional learning; and



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WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Teachers Association has expressed its willingness to support the implementation of the Pilot Program by assisting with outreach, participation, and verification of course work, professional development credits, and grading; and

WHEREAS, posting the Pilot Program and associated micro-credential opportunities on a Department of Education professional development website could ensure accessibility and transparency for teachers across the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is requested to implement the National Education Association Micro-Credential Pilot Program developed in collaboration with the Department's Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design and the Hawaii State Teachers Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to post the Pilot Program and related micro-credential opportunities on its professional development website to ensure access for licensed teachers working in public and charter schools throughout the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Teachers Association is requested to support the implementation of the Pilot Program, including assisting with outreach, participation, and verification of course work, professional development credits, and grading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to allow participating teachers who successfully complete the micro-credential coursework to receive applicable professional development credit in accordance with Department policies and procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of



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1 2027 regarding the implementation of the Pilot Program,  
2 including participation rates, educator feedback, professional  
3 development outcomes, and any recommendations for expanding or  
4 continuing the Pilot Program statewide; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Assistant  
Superintendent of the Office of Curriculum and Instructional  
Design, and President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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