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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING PROGRAM CONTRACTORS AND PREQUALIFIED SMALL CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE FUTURE SCHOOLS NOW PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, in 2018, the Department of Education piloted the  
2 Future Schools Now initiative, an innovative Job Order  
3 Contracting program for repairing school facilities quickly and  
4 efficiently; and

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6           WHEREAS, compared to the traditional design-bid-build  
7 process, job order contracting dramatically reduces the  
8 construction procurement timeline and costs by utilizing one  
9 competitively bid contract for multiple repair projects, thereby  
10 negating traditional design and construction management costs;  
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13           WHEREAS, capitalizing on this approach, the Future Schools  
14 Now program completed in a matter of months \$20 million of  
15 school roof repairs, work that previously took years through the  
16 traditional design-bid-build process; and

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18           WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2019, the Legislature appropriated  
19 \$70 million for the Job Order Contracting program to fix schools  
20 quickly and efficiently; and

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22           WHEREAS, due to its demonstrated success in accelerating  
23 school repairs, the Legislature again appropriated \$70 million  
24 to the program for fiscal year 2020; and

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26           WHEREAS, as of August, 2021, the program had completed  
27 seven hundred ninety-one construction purchase orders totaling  
28 \$84,979,362; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Department of Education sought to  
2 supplement the program of open-ended construction contracts  
3 through Requests for Proposals for prequalified small  
4 contractors to further expand the non-traditional options  
5 available to schools for repair services; and  
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7 WHEREAS, approximately forty-five Job Order Contracting  
8 program contractor contracts and thirty prequalified small  
9 contractor contracts have been awarded, creating opportunities  
10 for local construction firms and supporting the local workforce;  
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13 WHEREAS, as of April, 2022, 1,393 construction purchase  
14 orders were completed, totaling \$169,791,858; and  
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16 WHEREAS, those figures increased again in 2023 and, as of  
17 December, 2024, 3,403 construction purchase orders were  
18 completed, totaling \$435,746,663.68, demonstrating the  
19 significant scale and effectiveness of the program in addressing  
20 school facility needs; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public school system still faces a  
23 significant backlog of repair and maintenance needs for aging  
24 school facilities across the State, with estimates exceeding \$1  
25 billion in deferred maintenance and capital improvement needs;  
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28 WHEREAS, delays in addressing school facility repairs can  
29 negatively impact student learning environments, teacher  
30 retention, and the safety and functionality of public school  
31 campuses; and  
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33 WHEREAS, job order contracting allows the Department of  
34 Education to rapidly procure construction services through  
35 prequalified contractors, standardized pricing, and simplified  
36 work order procedures, significantly reducing procurement  
37 timelines compared to traditional low-bid contracting methods;  
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40 WHEREAS, the method also provides greater opportunities for  
41 local contractors and small businesses to participate in public



1 school repair projects, helping to sustain the State's  
2 construction workforce; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Job Order Contracting program contract vehicle  
5 has expired and the Department of Education has issued numerous  
6 extensions to maintain continuity of services but will need to  
7 reissue Requests for Proposals for contractors to ensure the  
8 continued success of the program; and

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10 WHEREAS, section 3-149-301, Hawaii Administrative Rules,  
11 allows the extension of existing contracts during the  
12 procurement process to provide continuity of services while a  
13 replacement contract is awarded and executed; and

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15 WHEREAS, the prequalified small contractor contracts  
16 supporting the Future Schools Now program have yet to expire but  
17 are expected to end in 2027, and new Requests for Proposals to  
18 continue the program will need to be issued in 2026 to ensure  
19 uninterrupted continuation of the program and avoid delays in  
20 school repairs; and

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22 WHEREAS, the continuation of these programs will help  
23 address the State's school facility repair backlog, improve  
24 learning environments for students and teachers, and support  
25 local construction jobs; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
30 Education is requested to reissue Requests for Proposals for the  
31 Job Order Contracting program contractors and prequalified small  
32 contractors to ensure the continuity of the Future Schools Now  
33 program; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
36 requested to initiate procurement for replacement contracts in  
37 2026 to ensure continuity of services before the expiration of  
38 existing contracts; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
41 requested to continue utilizing job order contracting and  
42 prequalified contractor programs as efficient procurement



1 methods to accelerate school repair, maintenance, and minor  
2 construction projects at public schools statewide; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
5 requested to:

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7 (1) Streamline its school-initiated facility repair  
8 project system, including by providing principals with  
9 direct access to the Job Order Contracting program;  
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12 (2) Conduct outreach and issue guidance to educate  
13 principals on the Job Order Contracting program and  
14 all available options to request the completion of  
15 school facility repair projects; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
18 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
19 thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
20 2027 detailing the status and outcomes of the Future Schools Now  
21 program, including but not limited to:

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23 (1) The number of construction purchase orders issued  
24 through the Job Order Contracting program;  
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26 (2) The number of prequalified small contractor programs  
27 employed;  
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29 (3) The total dollar value of projects completed through  
30 the programs;  
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32 (4) The types of school repair, maintenance, and  
33 improvement projects completed;  
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35 (5) The Department's activities to improve principals'  
36 comprehension of the Job Order Contracting program,  
37 its functions, and their roles in facilitating school  
38 facility repair projects, including the number of  
39 trainings conducted; and  
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41 (6) An assessment of how lump sum funds may be established  
42 and integrated with the Job Order Contracting program



1 to empower principals to independently address small  
2 facility repair projects at the school-level; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller,  
6 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of  
7 Education, and State Procurement Administrator.

