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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UNIFY THE MCKINLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND WAIPAHAU COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FOR ADULTS INTO A SINGLE STATEWIDE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
TO BE KNOWN AS THE HAWAII STATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR
ADULTS.

1 WHEREAS, adult education programs play a vital role in
2 providing workforce development opportunities, high school
3 equivalency preparation, English proficiency courses, and
4 lifelong learning opportunities for residents across the State;
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7 WHEREAS, section 302A-432, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 authorizes the Department of Education to establish and regulate
9 a program of adult community education to provide increased
10 opportunity for the people of Hawaii; and

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12 WHEREAS, section 302A-433.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
13 establishes within the Department of Education an adult
14 workforce readiness program to provide opportunities for
15 students to earn associate degrees, workforce development
16 diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other
17 industry-recognized credentials; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has reviewed
20 enrollment trends, program alignment, and opportunities to
21 enhance operational efficiency across adult education programs;
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24 WHEREAS, the Department's review identified opportunities
25 to strengthen instructional programs, streamline administrative
26 operations, and maximize resources to better serve adult
27 learners and the broader community; and

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29 WHEREAS, the recommended realignment of the McKinley
30 Community School for Adults and Waipahu Community School for
31 Adults into a unified statewide program will support improved
32 coordination of services and greater consistency in program
33 delivery; and



1 WHEREAS, the unified program will provide a statewide adult
2 education system that will maintain access to services while
3 expanding high-quality programming across all campuses; and
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5 WHEREAS, the realignment will enhance efficiency,
6 strengthen instructional programs, and better position adult
7 education programming, including programming supported through
8 the adult workforce readiness program, like Career Foundations,
9 established pursuant to section 302A-433.5, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, and the Career Foundations Curriculum to address
11 current and emerging workforce and community needs; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
16 that the Department of Education is requested to unify the
17 McKinley Community School for Adults and Waipahu Community
18 School for Adults into a single statewide program; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program is requested to be
21 known as the Hawaii State Community School for Adults; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
24 urged to consult with the appropriate exclusive representatives
25 of affected collective bargaining units regarding any personnel
26 impacts associated with the proposed realignment, and to provide
27 opportunities for affected employees to provide feedback through
28 their respective exclusive representatives; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the
31 unified program should be contingent upon the completion of the
32 consultation process and the development of a comprehensive
33 transition plan to ensure minimal disruption to students,
34 faculty, and staff; and
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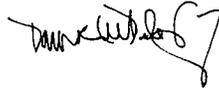
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the unified program is
37 requested to have a target effective date of July 1, 2026; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
41 Education, Superintendent of Education, and respective



1 administrators of the McKinley Community School for Adults and
2 Waipahu Community School for Adults.

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