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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK THAT PLACES RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MONITORING ALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WITHIN EACH COMPLEX AREA WITH THE COMPLEX AREA LEADERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, maintaining safe and functional school facilities
2 is essential to student learning and the effective operation of
3 public schools; and

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5 WHEREAS, this critical maintenance is achieved through
6 capital improvement projects and repair and maintenance
7 projects, which represent significant public investments in
8 school infrastructure; and

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10 WHEREAS, improved coordination and clearly defined roles
11 between state offices and complex area leadership can strengthen
12 project oversight and accountability; and

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14 WHEREAS, empowering complex area leadership to monitor
15 projects within their respective regions can improve
16 communication, responsiveness, and timely completion of
17 projects; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
21 that the Department of Education is requested to establish a
22 framework that places responsibility and accountability for
23 monitoring all capital improvement projects and repair and
24 maintenance projects within each complex area with the Complex
25 Area Superintendent, Business Management Officer, and
26 Administrative Services Assistant assigned to that complex area;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the framework is requested to
30 require the Complex Area Superintendent and designated staff to:

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32 (1) Monitor project progress within their respective
33 complex areas, including the phases of planning,



1 design, budgeting, construction, and project
2 completion; and
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4 (2) Coordinate with school leadership to ensure project
5 needs are addressed in a timely manner; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Facilities and
8 Operations is requested to:
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10 (1) Retain overall management authority and statewide
11 oversight for all department of education capital
12 improvement projects and repair and maintenance
13 projects; and
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15 (2) Coordinate project assignments and responsibilities
16 with each complex area; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Complex Area
19 Superintendent is requested to submit a quarterly status report
20 to the Office of Facilities and Operations, which are requested
21 to include but not be limited to:
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23 (1) The current status of each capital improvement project
24 and repair and maintenance project within their
25 respective complex area;
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27 (2) Progress on project milestones, including planning,
28 design, procurement, construction, and completion;
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30 (3) Budget status, including authorized amounts,
31 expenditures to date, and any anticipated cost
32 overruns or savings;
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34 (4) Identification of delays, barriers, or challenges
35 affecting project timelines; and
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37 (5) Corrective actions or support needed from the Office
38 of Facilities and Operations to maintain or improve
39 project progress; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Facilities and
42 Operations is requested to review the quarterly reports and



1 provide coordination, technical assistance, and oversight to
2 ensure projects are progressing in accordance with approved
3 timelines and budgets; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
6 requested to develop and implement procedures that clearly
7 define the roles, responsibilities, reporting requirements, and
8 accountability of the Office of Facilities and Operations and
9 complex area leadership with respect to capital improvement
10 projects and repair and maintenance projects; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
13 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
14 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
15 2027 including:
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- 17 (1) The framework developed pursuant to this measure;
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- 19 (2) The reporting system established for quarterly
20 monitoring of projects;
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- 22 (3) The roles and responsibilities assigned to complex
23 area leadership and departmental offices; and
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- 25 (4) Any recommendations for legislative action to improve
26 the delivery and oversight of school facility
27 projects; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
31 Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Facilities and
32 Operations.
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