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SENATE 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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32 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Teachers Association has
33 expressed its willingness to support the implementation of the



1 Pilot Program by assisting with outreach, participation, and
2 verification of course work, professional development credits,
3 and grading; and
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5 WHEREAS, posting the Pilot Program and associated
6 micro-credential opportunities on a Department of Education
7 professional development website could ensure accessibility and
8 transparency for teachers across the State; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
12 that the Department of Education is requested to implement the
13 National Education Association Micro-Credential Pilot Program
14 developed in collaboration with the Department's Office of
15 Curriculum and Instructional Design and the Hawaii State
16 Teachers Association; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
19 requested to post the Pilot Program and related micro-credential
20 opportunities on its professional development website to ensure
21 access for licensed teachers working in public and charter
22 schools throughout the State; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Teachers
25 Association is requested to support the implementation of the
26 Pilot Program, including assisting with outreach, participation,
27 and verification of course work, professional development
28 credits, and grading; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
31 requested to allow participating teachers who successfully
32 complete the micro-credential coursework to receive applicable
33 professional development credit in accordance with Department
34 policies and procedures; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
37 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
38 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
39 2027 regarding the implementation of the Pilot Program,
40 including participation rates, educator feedback, professional
41 development outcomes, and any recommendations for expanding or
42 continuing the Pilot Program statewide; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 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.

OFFERED BY:

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