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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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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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30           WHEREAS, in 2022, the Department of Education sought to  
31 supplement the program of open-ended construction contracts  
32 through Requests for Proposals for prequalified small  
33 contractors to further expand the non-traditional options  
34 available to schools for repair services; and



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2 WHEREAS, approximately forty-five Job Order Contracting  
3 program contractor contracts and thirty prequalified small  
4 contractor contracts have been awarded, creating opportunities  
5 for local construction firms and supporting the local workforce;  
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8 WHEREAS, as of April, 2022, 1,393 construction purchase  
9 orders were completed, totaling \$169,791,858; and

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11 WHEREAS, those figures increased again in 2023 and, as of  
12 December, 2024, 3,403 construction purchase orders were  
13 completed, totaling \$435,746,663.68, demonstrating the  
14 significant scale and effectiveness of the program in addressing  
15 school facility needs; and

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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public school system still faces a  
18 significant backlog of repair and maintenance needs for aging  
19 school facilities across the State, with estimates exceeding \$1  
20 billion in deferred maintenance and capital improvement needs;  
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23 WHEREAS, delays in addressing school facility repairs can  
24 negatively impact student learning environments, teacher  
25 retention, and the safety and functionality of public school  
26 campuses; and

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28 WHEREAS, job order contracting allows the Department of  
29 Education to rapidly procure construction services through  
30 prequalified contractors, standardized pricing, and simplified  
31 work order procedures, significantly reducing procurement  
32 timelines compared to traditional low-bid contracting methods;  
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35 WHEREAS, the method also provides greater opportunities for  
36 local contractors and small businesses to participate in public  
37 school repair projects, helping to sustain the State's  
38 construction workforce; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Job Order Contracting program contract vehicle  
41 has expired and the Department of Education has issued numerous  
42 extensions to maintain continuity of services but will need to



1 reissue Requests for Proposals for contractors to ensure the  
2 continued success of the program; and

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

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9 WHEREAS, the prequalified small contractor contracts  
10 supporting the Future Schools Now program have yet to expire but  
11 are expected to end in 2027, and new Requests for Proposals to  
12 continue the program will need to be issued in 2026 to ensure  
13 uninterrupted continuation of the program and avoid delays in  
14 school repairs; and

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16 WHEREAS, the continuation of these programs will help  
17 address the State's school facility repair backlog, improve  
18 learning environments for students and teachers, and support  
19 local construction jobs; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
23 that the Department of Education is requested to reissue  
24 Requests for Proposals for the Job Order Contracting program  
25 contractors and prequalified small contractors to ensure the  
26 continuity of the Future Schools Now program; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
29 requested to initiate procurement for replacement contracts in  
30 2026 to ensure continuity of services before the expiration of  
31 existing contracts; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
34 requested to continue utilizing job order contracting and  
35 prequalified contractor programs as efficient procurement  
36 methods to accelerate school repair, maintenance, and minor  
37 construction projects at public schools statewide; and

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



1 2027 detailing the status and outcomes of the Future Schools Now  
2 program, including but not limited to:

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- (1) The number of construction purchase orders issued through the Job Order Contracting program;
- (2) The number of prequalified small contractor programs employed;
- (3) The total dollar value of projects completed through the programs; and
- (4) The types of school repair, maintenance, and improvement projects completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and State Procurement Administrator.

OFFERED BY: 

