



SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

**S.C.R. NO. 198 / S.R. NO. 186, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A  
COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL AUDIT OF THE GOVERNANCE  
STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

Hearing: Monday, April 6, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers comments on S.C.R. No. 198 and S.R. No. 186, which request a performance and fiscal audit of the governance structure and administrative leadership of the Department of Education.

The resolutions request our office, among other things, to examine and describe the superintendent, deputy superintendents, assistant superintendents, and complex area superintendents' respective job responsibilities, the organizational structure and reporting relationships, the fiscal cost with each leadership position, and the extent to which responsibilities or operational functions overlap. We are also requested to identify and provide recommendations regarding the potential restructuring of the Department governance and administrative leadership structure, opportunities to downsize administrative leadership positions where appropriate and feasible, methods to improve clarity of leadership responsibilities and oversight, and the development of a transparent system of accountability and performance evaluation for administrative leadership positions to ensure alignment with departmental goals and responsibilities.

The requested work is not an audit. Moreover, we do not have the expertise to assess the department's leadership structure or to recommend changes to that structure. We also are concerned that the work requested may require us to be involved in management-type decisions, which will prevent us from subsequently auditing those areas.

We suggest that the Department should be able to provide the requested information, such as the job responsibilities of the different management positions, the support staff for each position, and the duties of each position, among other things.

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Comments:

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