
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE CURRICULAR MATERIALS THAT REFLECT THE HAWAII STANDARDS TO ASSIST A TEACHER WHO HAS TO TEMPORARILY TEACH IN AN AREA WHERE THE TEACHER IS NOT HIGHLY QUALIFIED.

1 WHEREAS, the children of Hawaii's public schools deserve
2 teachers who are highly qualified so that they can meet the
3 Hawaii standards; and
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5 WHEREAS, about 2,900, or about twenty-two per cent, of
6 public school teachers in Hawaii are not considered qualified
7 under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which requires a
8 bachelor's degree, a state license, and proven competency in
9 every subject that they teach; and
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11 WHEREAS, the number of students taught by highly qualified
12 teachers was seventy-seven per cent at the secondary level and
13 ninety-seven per cent at the elementary level; and
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15 WHEREAS, findings from research have shown that highly
16 qualified teachers are more effective in enhancing the
17 achievement of students, especially in mathematics; and
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19 WHEREAS, many teachers, who have credentials in one area,
20 are considered unqualified if they teach courses in a different
21 subject area; and
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23 WHEREAS, highly qualified teachers are difficult to
24 recruit; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Senate requests
29 the Department of Education and appropriate entities to prepare
30 curricular materials that reflect the Hawaii standards to assist
31 a teacher who has to temporarily teach in an area where the



1 teacher is not highly qualified, so that students will receive
2 the appropriate learning materials; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development of such
5 curricula should begin with fields where there are the fewest
6 highly qualified teachers; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and
9 the Board of Education shall continue to support programs to
10 assure that all teachers become highly qualified; 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 2009 on the development of curricular materials necessary to
16 assist teachers who are required to temporarily teach in an area
17 where they are not highly qualified; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
22 Chairperson and Executive Director of the Hawaii Teacher
23 Standards Board, the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and the
24 Hawaii Government Employees Association.

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