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SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
2019 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE** (PAF 18-241)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 4(2) on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

Resolution

No. _____

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE
2019 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A
STATE BILL REQUIRING THE STATE AUDITOR
TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, during the 2019 legislative session, the State Legislature passed out Senate Bill 2922, a proposal to amend Articles VIII and X of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to authorize the Legislature to establish a surcharge on investment real property, from which the revenues would be used for public education; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education has received over \$1.5 billion in funding from the State general fund since fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature proposed Senate Bill 2922 without first evaluating the Department's use of this significant level of funding through a comprehensive audit, which would have analyzed the Department's financial needs and identified areas of improvement; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the State Department of Education utilizes its funding effectively and efficiently, the State Legislature should require the State Auditor to conduct a comprehensive audit of the Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A," to require the State Auditor to conduct a financial audit of the State Department of Education, is approved for inclusion in the 2019 Maui County Legislative Package; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, County of Maui; the Governor, State of Hawaii; the Senate President, State of Hawaii; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The auditor shall conduct a comprehensive audit
2 of the department of education. The audit shall be limited to
3 the following offices and programs within the department:
- 4 (1) The office of the superintendent.
 - 5 (2) The office of the deputy superintendent.
 - 6 (3) The office of the "senior" assistant superintendent
7 for administrative affairs.
 - 8 (4) The administrative assistant office.
 - 9 (5) The civil rights compliance office.
 - 10 (6) The communications office.
 - 11 (7) The community engagement office.
 - 12 (8) The internal audit office.
 - 13 (9) The monitoring and compliance office.
 - 14 (10) The office of strategy, innovation, and performance.
 - 15 (11) The office of fiscal services.
 - 16 (12) The office of school facilities and support services.
 - 17 (13) The office of talent management.
 - 18 (14) The office of information technology services.

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- 1 (15) The coordinated support office.
- 2 (16) The school transformation branch.
- 3 (17) The office of curriculum, instruction, and student
- 4 support.
- 5 (18) The offices of the complex area superintendents.

6 SECTION 2. The auditor shall submit the audit report,
7 including findings and recommendations, to the legislature no
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
9 session of 2021.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
13 auditor to conduct a financial audit of the department of
14 education.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
16 auditor for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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