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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, VICE-PRINCIPALS, AND TEACHERS TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE COURSE IN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTRUCTION AS PART OF THEIR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

1           WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii recognizes  
2 English and Hawaiian as the official languages of the State of  
3 Hawaii; and

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5           WHEREAS, language contains the intrinsic values of a  
6 culture and a recognition that a culture is perpetuated by the  
7 use of its language; and

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9           WHEREAS, the sustainability of the Hawaiian culture is  
10 dependent on the knowledge, use, and prevalence of the Hawaiian  
11 language; and

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13           WHEREAS, understanding and familiarity with the Hawaiian  
14 language can be an asset to educators in providing educational  
15 programs that are culturally relevant to both native Hawaiian  
16 and non-Hawaiian youth; and

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18           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a Hawaiian language public  
19 education system, as well as a Hawaiian language college, to  
20 provide for education through the teaching and use of the  
21 Hawaiian language in order to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture;  
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24           WHEREAS, more can be done to promote and encourage the use  
25 and teaching of the Hawaiian language in order to perpetuate the  
26 Hawaiian culture; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the study, learning,  
29 and use of the Hawaiian language by educators and administrators  
30 can offer insight into and understanding of the cultural



