
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS BISHOP ESTATE TO EXPLORE THE
OPTION OF OPENING A LEEWARD CAMPUS ON A LOCATION ALONG THE
WAIANAE COAST.

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate has established a
2 great legacy of achievement in education that was recently
3 demonstrated in 2004 when 100% of the 437 graduates that year
4 were accepted to two- and four-year colleges nationwide; and
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6 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate's mission is to
7 "create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the
8 capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry"; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Waianae coast has the largest concentration of
11 Native Hawaiians in the state; and
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13 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate subsidizes a
14 significant portion of the cost to educate every student, making
15 it an affordable option for students; and
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17 WHEREAS, many parents and students attending schools on the
18 Waianae Coast are searching for more choice of where they
19 receive their education; and
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21 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate have striven to
22 accommodate students from great distances by establishing
23 campuses on Maui and Hawaii that serve 1,950 students attending
24 Kindergarten through grade 11; and
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26 WHEREAS, Kamehameha School students from the Waianae Coast
27 have the longest commute than any other students from any other
28 area of the island of Oahu to Kamehameha Schools; and
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1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate can help
2 accommodate students and potential students from the Waianae
3 coast by establishing a Leeward campus; and
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5 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Leeward Campus of the
6 Kamehameha schools will help give parents and students searching
7 for a better education, and help Kamehameha reach more Hawaiian
8 students through assisting the schools in its vision of helping
9 "people of Hawaiian ancestry to achieve their highest potential
10 as 'good and industrious men and women'"; and
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12 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Leeward Campus of the
13 Kamehameha Schools will help current students from the Waianae
14 Coast who must spend hours and resources commuting to and from
15 the school; and
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17 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Leeward Campus of the
18 Kamehameha schools will continue the schools' investment on the
19 Waianae Coast, which has recently included spending about \$3.9
20 million towards the construction of family learning center and
21 transitional housing along the coast; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, that Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate is
26 encouraged to explore the option of opening a Leeward campus on
27 a location along the Waianae coast; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha
31 Schools Bishop Estate.
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OFFERED BY:

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