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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF THE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program, mandated by the
2 Constitution of the State of Hawaii, article X, section 4, has
3 been implemented in public elementary schools as Hawaiian
4 studies and language programs to assist students to learn,
5 understand, and appreciate Hawaiian language, culture, and
6 history; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program utilizes a kupuna
9 (elder) component, which consists of a community resource person
10 who has expertise in Hawaii's cultural heritage and assists
11 classroom teachers in the delivery of program instruction; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program is a viable part of
14 the perpetuation of the native Hawaiian language and culture,
15 and the Board of Education's support for the program is an
16 integral part of the Hawaii content and performance standards;
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19 WHEREAS, many schools do not provide the Hawaiian education
20 program in all grade levels, the program curriculum has become
21 outdated and now requires the support and assistance of the
22 Department of Education; and

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24 WHEREAS, a review of the Hawaiian education program would
25 assist the Department of Education in maintaining the quality
26 and consistency of delivery of the program; now, therefore

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
30 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a
31 study of the Department of Education's Hawaiian education
32 program, implemented as Hawaiian studies and language programs,
33 to identify concerns and issues regarding the delivery and
34 implementation of the program; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is requested to include in the study:

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- 4 (1) A review of pay scales for all kupuna associated with
5 the Hawaiian studies and language programs, with
6 particular attention to pay equity across programs and
7 from school to school;
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- 9 (2) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language
10 programs' support for professional development for
11 teachers in the programs;
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- 13 (3) A review of the effectiveness of the Hawaiian studies
14 and language programs in complying with the mandate to
15 promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and
16 language, as required by the Constitution of the State
17 of Hawaii, article X, section 4; and
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- 19 (4) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language
20 programs' development of curriculum and materials for
21 use in the delivery of the programs' educational
22 goals; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
25 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
26 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for
27 improving the Hawaiian studies and language program not later
28 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
29 of 2008; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of the
33 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of
34 Education, the Superintendent of the Department of Education,
35 and the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
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37 OFFERED BY: _____


By Request

