
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY WITH COURSES IN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTRUCTION, AND TO INCORPORATE THESE COURSES INTO THE DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CONDITIONS FOR TEACHER LICENSURE.

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 culture is perpetuated by the use of language; and

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

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

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17 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Hawaiian language public
18 education system, as well as its Hawaiian language college,
19 perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through the teaching and use of
20 the Hawaiian language; and

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22 WHEREAS, more can be done to promote and encourage the use
23 and teaching of the Hawaiian language to perpetuate the Hawaiian
24 culture; and



1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the study, learning,
 2 and use of the Hawaiian language by educators and administrators
 3 can offer insight into and understanding of the cultural
 4 heritage and foundation, learning preferences, and traditions of
 5 many of the youth attending public schools in Hawaii; now,
 6 therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 10 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Board of
 11 Education (BOE) is requested to include as a desirable
 12 qualification in job descriptions used in recruiting and hiring
 13 all public school principals, vice principals, and teachers, the
 14 satisfactory completion of at least one course in Hawaiian
 15 language and culture instruction; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BOE is requested to develop a
 18 plan in collaboration with the Hawaiiinuiakea School of Hawaiian
 19 Knowledge at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hookulaiwi
 20 Program of the UH at Manoa College of Education, and Ka Haka Ula
 21 College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawaii at Hilo
 22 to encourage current public school principals, vice principals,
 23 and teachers to satisfactorily complete at least one course in
 24 Hawaiian language and culture instruction, including creative
 25 strategies and incentives; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiiinuiakea School of
 28 Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawaii at Manoa is
 29 requested to initiate a planning dialogue which includes a
 30 re-evaluation by the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to consider
 31 incorporating the completion of Hawaiian language and culture
 32 courses as a requirement of state teacher licensure, and
 33 incorporating the requirement into satisfactory performance
 34 indicators; and

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 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to submit a
 37 progress report on implementing this Concurrent Resolution and
 38 any necessary proposed legislation to the Legislature no later
 39 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 40 2009; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Dean of the UH
4 at Manoa College of Education, Director of the UH at Manoa
5 Center for Hawaiian Studies, Director of the Hookulaiwi Program
6 of the UH at Manoa College of Education, and Chairperson of the
7 Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

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