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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE  
REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ACT.

1           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act was preceded by  
2 legislation in the Augustus F. Hawkins-Robert Stafford  
3 Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendments of 1988,  
4 to authorize and develop supplemental educational programs to  
5 address the unique conditions of Native Hawaiians; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act was first  
8 enacted under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994,  
9 reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and is  
10 slated to be reauthorized under the Blueprint for Reform of the  
11 Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act's findings  
14 established declarations that have been cited in significant  
15 legal decisions concerning Native Hawaiians; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Section 7204 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act  
18 establishes a Native Hawaiian Education Council (Education  
19 Council) and Island Councils for Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai,  
20 Oahu, Kauai, and Niihau to ensure the adequate representation of  
21 island and community interests within the Education Council; and  
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23           WHEREAS, at least ten members of the Education Council must  
24 be Native Hawaiian education service providers and ten members  
25 of the Education Council must be Native Hawaiians or Native  
26 Hawaiian education consumers; and  
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28           WHEREAS, in addition, a representative of the Office of  
29 Hawaiian Affairs must serve as a member of the Education  
30 Council; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to provide higher  
2 education fellowship assistance to Native Hawaiians has resulted  
3 in increased scholarships for Native Hawaiians; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to develop family-  
6 based education centers throughout the Hawaiian islands resulted  
7 in the growth of 'Aha Punana Leo preschools statewide to further  
8 meet the needs of families desiring to perpetuate the Hawaiian  
9 language as a living language; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to establish the  
12 Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children at the  
13 University of Hawai'i at Hilo resulted in the growth of the Na  
14 Pua No'eau program statewide to further meet the special needs of  
15 gifted and talented Hawaiian students; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the first demonstration program authorized grants  
18 to address the special education needs of Native Hawaiian  
19 students and those grants resulted in exemplary programs such as  
20 Pihana Na Mamo that assisted special needs Native Hawaiian  
21 students at succeeding in school; and  
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23 WHEREAS, subsequent grants by the United States Secretary  
24 of Education under the Native Hawaiian Education Act have  
25 resulted in an increase in Native Hawaiian language curriculum  
26 development and indigenous teacher preparation programs and  
27 community-based education learning centers; and  
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29 WHEREAS, President Obama has reaffirmed his  
30 Administration's commitment to Native Hawaiian education through  
31 the federal fiscal year 2012 budget request and the Blueprint  
32 for Reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the policies of the Native Hawaiian Education Act,  
35 as contained in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and  
36 incorporated in the Blueprint for Reform of the Elementary and  
37 Secondary Education Act, will also be considered for  
38 reauthorization; now, therefore,  
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
42 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's congressional



1 delegation is urged to support the reauthorization of the  
2 policies of the Native Hawaiian Education Act; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional  
6 delegation, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Chief  
7 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

