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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM TO CONSIDER
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE UNIVERSITY WITHIN
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, in a first-ever address to the 2010 Legislature on
2 the State of the University of Hawai'i, President M.R.C.
3 Greenwood stated that the University is "committed to supporting
4 the access and success of Native Hawaiians. We are making
5 headway and we are fortunate to have partners along this path";
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8 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i
9 System, through its policies, states that as the only provider
10 of public higher education in Hawai'i, the University embraces
11 its unique responsibilities to the indigenous people of Hawai'i
12 and to Hawai'i's indigenous language and culture; and to fulfill
13 this responsibility, the University ensures active support for
14 the participation of Native Hawaiians at the University and
15 supports vigorous programs of study and support for the Hawaiian
16 language, history, and culture; and
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18 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i, through the President,
19 working with the Chancellors, ensures that the unique commitment
20 to Native Hawaiians is fulfilled; and
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22 WHEREAS, in part, this commitment includes providing
23 positive systemwide executive support in the development,
24 implementation, and improvement of programs and services for
25 Native Hawaiians; providing for and promoting the use of the
26 Hawaiian language within the University of Hawai'i System;
27 providing a level of support for the study of Hawaiian language,
28 culture, and history within the University of Hawai'i System that
29 honors, perpetuates, and strengthens those disciplines; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Puko'a Council of the University of Hawai'i was
32 chartered in June 2009, to provide a formal, independent voice



1 and organization through which the Native Hawaiian faculty,
2 administrators, and students of the University of Hawai'i System
3 can participate in the development and interpretation of
4 systemwide policy and practice as it relates to Native Hawaiian
5 programs, activities, initiatives, and issues; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Puko'a Council is comprised of representatives
8 from each of the councils of each campus in the University
9 system: Hanakahi Council, University of Hawai'i at Hilo;
10 Ho'olulu Council, Hawai'i Community College; Kahikoluamea
11 Council, Kapi'olani Community College; Ke Kumupali Council,
12 Windward Community College; Kualii Council, University of Hawaii
13 at Manoa; Kupu Ka Wai Council, Honolulu Community College;
14 Lau'ulu Council, Maui Community College; Makaloa Council, Kaua'i
15 Community College; Puko'a no Na 'Ewa, Leeward Community College;
16 and Nalimakui Council, University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the only state in the United States that
19 has designated a native language, and a 2000 United States
20 Census report noted that the Hawaiian language is the only
21 native language in the nation that has grown in terms of fluent
22 speakers; and
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24 WHEREAS, this is due in great part to the University of
25 Hawai'i System, which provides numerous programs and both
26 undergraduate and graduate degrees in Hawaiian language studies;
27 now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
32 University of Hawai'i System is requested to convene an academic
33 symposium to consider the establishment of a Hawaiian Language
34 University within the University of Hawai'i System; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in planning for the symposium,
37 the President consult with the Puko'a Council and representatives
38 from the Hawaiian language studies programs on all campuses; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the symposium be held at a time
41 and place to ensure maximum participation by faculty, students,
42 and others from the University of Hawai'i System; private and



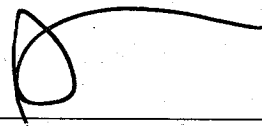
1 public educational organizations and other entities committed to
2 the advancement of the Hawaiian language; and interested members
3 of the community; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the symposium consider at
6 minimum, the following issues related to establishment of a
7 Hawaiian Language University within the University of Hawai'i
8 System: the mission; governance and administration; curriculum
9 and degrees; facilities and technology requirements; financial
10 and other resources available or to be obtained; a timetable for
11 implementation, and any other issues, as appropriate; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University
14 of Hawai'i System report to the Legislature and the Governor no
15 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
16 Session of 2012 on the findings of the symposium and the
17 recommendations related to establishment of a Hawaiian Language
18 University within the University of Hawai'i System; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
22 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of
23 the University of Hawai'i System, and the Board of Regents of the
24 University of Hawai'i.
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