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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER
EDUCATION CONSORTIUM ACCREDITATION OF KA HAKA 'ULA O
KE'ELIKOLANI COLLEGE OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAI'I AT HILO.

1 WHEREAS, Act 315, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, established
2 a Hawaiian language college with undergraduate and graduate
3 study, teacher certification, indigenous language outreach, and
4 a Hawaiian language support center at the University of Hawai'i
5 at Hilo; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language college at the University of
8 Hawai'i at Hilo was later officially named Ka Haka 'Ula O
9 Ke'elikolani in honor of Ruth Ke'elikolani Keanolani Kanahoahoa,
10 a nineteenth century governor of the Island of Hawaii known for
11 her strong advocacy of Hawaiian language and culture; and
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13 WHEREAS, the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education
14 Consortium provides an international forum and support for
15 indigenous peoples to pursue common goals through higher
16 education; and
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18 WHEREAS, the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education
19 Consortium accredits indigenous institutions and programs of
20 higher education; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 2009, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani was awarded
23 full accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher
24 Education Consortium; and
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26 WHEREAS, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani was the first college
27 in the United States within a mainstream institution to be
28 awarded World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium
29 accreditation; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2010, the World Indigenous Nations Higher
2 Education Consortium awarded accreditation to the P-20 Hawaiian
3 Maui Ola Education System at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani; this
4 was the first time that the World Indigenous Nations Higher
5 Education Consortium awarded accreditation to a preschool to
6 graduate school program; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Maui Ola Education System is unique
9 and distinct in its use of Hawaiian as the language of
10 instruction, administration, and socialization; and

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12 WHEREAS, this program has produced outstanding academic
13 achievements amongst its students and has a proven record of
14 producing college- and career-ready high school graduates; and

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16 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani
17 are the culmination of over thirty years of actions by people
18 and organizations in Hawaii, including speakers of Hawaiian,
19 descendants of speakers of Hawaiian, and the Association of
20 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, who supported the inclusion of Hawaiian
21 language and culture throughout Hawaii's educational system; and

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23 WHEREAS, international accreditation by the World
24 Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium recognizes Ka
25 Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language's success
26 in revitalizing the Hawaiian language and in creating an
27 educational model from which other indigenous peoples may learn
28 and be inspired; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that Ka Haka 'Ula O
33 Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language at the University of
34 Hawai'i at Hilo be recognized for its accomplishment of preschool
35 to graduate school accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations
36 Higher Education Consortium; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature join with the
39 fifty-first convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
40 Clubs in recognizing the preschool to graduate school
41 accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education
42 Consortium as an achievement of special significance to members
43 of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs who have steadfastly supported the



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1 Hawaiian language and to the people of Hawaii who have supported
 2 the unique mission of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of
 3 Hawaiian Language; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature join with the
 6 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the families, faculty, and
 7 staff of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani in celebrating the preschool
 8 to graduate school accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations
 9 Higher Education Consortium; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Ka Haka
 13 'Ula O Ke'elikolani Hawaiian Language College at the University
 14 of Hawai'i at Hilo, President of the University of Hawai'i
 15 System, Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of
 16 Hawai'i, and Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.
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