

---

---

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR NA PUA NO'EAU STAFFING AND PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, Na Pua No'EAU Center for Gifted and Talented Native  
2 Hawaiian Children was established in 1989 at the University of  
3 Hawai'i at Hilo for the purpose of increasing educational  
4 enrichment opportunities for Hawaiian children in grades K-12  
5 throughout the State of Hawai'i; and

6  
7           WHEREAS, between 1993 and 2001, Na Pua No'EAU, through  
8 funding by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, opened additional  
9 centers to include the following sites: University of Hawai'i at  
10 Manoa, Kaua'i Community College, Maui Community College, Moloka'i  
11 Education Center, Lana'i High and Elementary School, and the  
12 University of Hawai'i Center - West Hawai'i; and

13  
14           WHEREAS, Na Pua No'EAU has served over 12,000 Hawaiian  
15 students over the past twenty years as reflected in the Center's  
16 database; and

17  
18           WHEREAS, Na Pua No'EAU provides Hawaiian students in grades  
19 K-12 a seamless transition from high school to college; and

20  
21           WHEREAS, Na Pua No'EAU alumni represent over eleven percent  
22 of the Hawaiian students enrolled at University of Hawai'i  
23 campuses; and

24  
25           WHEREAS, graduates from the program are represented in  
26 occupations that include medicine, law, education, government,  
27 politics, and community leadership, many of whom attribute their  
28 success to their experiences through Nā Pua No'EAU; and

29  
30           WHEREAS, while the teaching and learning design of Na Pua  
- 31 No'EAU creates a greater capacity of Hawaiian students to access



1 and succeed in higher education, it also preserves, sustains,  
2 and mobilizes Hawaiian knowledge and practices; and  
3

4 WHEREAS, Na Pua No'eau creates optimal learning conditions  
5 for Native Hawaiian students in grades K-12 for higher  
6 achievement and aspirations; and  
7

8 WHEREAS, these optimal learning conditions are designed in  
9 the context of Hawaiian history, language, culture, values, and  
10 perspective; and  
11

12 WHEREAS, the Na Pua No'eau Center for Gifted and Talented  
13 Native Hawaiian Children has staff and offices at University of  
14 Hawai'i campuses throughout the State, and is able to reach out  
15 to all of the Hawaiian communities; and  
16

17 WHEREAS, in twenty years, Na Pua No'eau has developed  
18 research studies that ascertain the effectiveness of its  
19 practices and the longitudinal tracking of the student  
20 participants; and  
21

22 WHEREAS, the current data show that Hawaiian students who  
23 participate in Na Pua No'eau programs have a better chance of  
24 staying in and graduating from the University of Hawai'i; and  
25

26 WHEREAS, because Na Pua No'eau is dependent on external and  
27 temporary funding, the Center's ability to conduct programs for  
28 Hawaiian students fluctuates from year to year; and  
29

30 WHEREAS, the funding requested in the University of Hawai'i  
31 System's biennium budget for Na Pua No'eau would allow the Center  
32 to serve 4,000 K-12 Hawaiian students annually; and  
33

34 WHEREAS, state funding requested would expand the Na Pua  
35 No'eau staff and offices on all of the University of Hawai'i  
36 campuses, thus broadening and increasing the sustainability of  
37 the K-12 program offerings to Hawaiian students, families, and  
38 their communities; and  
39

40 WHEREAS, with the receipt of these requested funds, Na Pua  
41 No'eau will have greater capacity to sustain education and career  
42 pathways for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and  
43 Mathematics), health related professions, and leadership



# H.C.R. NO. 289

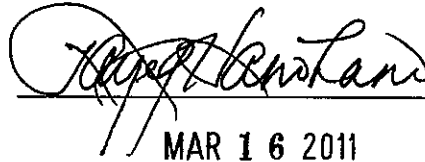
1 opportunities, which will result in a greater representation of  
2 Hawaiians in professional careers; and  
3

4 WHEREAS, state funding for Na Pua No'eau has the strong  
5 support of the University of Hawai'i System Puko'a Council of  
6 Native Hawaiian faculty and staff; now, therefore,  
7

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that support is urged for state  
11 funding of Na Pua No'eau staffing and programs in the University  
12 of Hawai'i System biennium budget; and  
13

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
16 University of Hawai'i System, Chair of the Board of Trustees of  
17 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Na Pua No'eau.  
18  
19  
20

OFFERED BY:

  
MAR 16 2011

