

MAR 14 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HAWAII HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE
CLASSES.

1 WHEREAS, article XV, section 4, of the Hawaii State
2 Constitution establishes the Hawaiian language ('olelo Hawai'i)
3 as one of the two official languages of the State; and
4

5 WHEREAS, 'olelo Hawai'i is the only language in the United
6 States that is officially recognized at the state level; and
7

8 WHEREAS, the designation of Hawaiian as an official
9 language of the State paved the way for the creation of Hawaiian
10 language revitalization programs, such as 'Aha Punana Leo and Ke
11 Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i; and
12

13 WHEREAS, the success of the 'Aha Punana Leo and Ke Kula
14 Kaiapuni Hawai'i programs have created a new generation of
15 speakers of 'olelo Hawai'i and increased the use and visibility
16 of 'olelo Hawai'i throughout the State; and
17

18 WHEREAS, 'olelo Hawai'i is a defining feature of the
19 Hawaiian culture and a major part of what makes Hawai'i unique;
20 and
21

22 WHEREAS, knowledge of 'olelo Hawai'i fosters a sense of
23 community and helps one to identify more closely with traditions
24 and values of Hawai'i; and
25

26 WHEREAS, access to 'olelo Hawai'i classes through the public
27 school system would allow this knowledge to reach a broader
28 section of the population in a cost-effective manner; now,
29 therefore,
30

31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Education is urged to require all public high schools to offer
3 'olelo Hawai'i classes; and

4
5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all private high schools are
6 highly encouraged to offer 'olelo Hawai'i classes at their
7 respective institutions; and

8
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
11 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of
12 Education, and Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

13
14
15

OFFERED BY:

Akelai Gosh
Mina Hatake
Jill

[Signature]
Tolai Dan
Michelle Kikini
[Signature]

