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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION  
OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION CLASSES IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society  
2 that blends diverse food, customs, and languages; and  
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4 WHEREAS, this melting pot has yet to extend to foreign  
5 language education in the State's public elementary schools; and  
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7 WHEREAS, although foreign languages are offered in the  
8 State's public high schools, there are several benefits to  
9 teaching children a foreign language beginning in kindergarten;  
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12 WHEREAS, research has shown a positive correlation between  
13 the study of a foreign language and increased cognitive and  
14 academic ability, leading to improved student performance  
15 indicators; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
20 Education is requested to support the creation of foreign  
21 language immersion classes in public elementary schools; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
25 Education and Chairperson of the Board of Education.  
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