
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADD HAWAIIAN DIACRITICAL MARKS WHERE APPROPRIATE TO ALL STREET SIGNS AND PLACE NAME SIGNS ALONG HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS UPON THE REPLACEMENT OF SUCH SIGNS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian is an officially recognized language of
2 the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the proper use of diacritical marks on street
5 signs and place names along Hawaii's highways will:

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7 (1) Demonstrate the importance of the Hawaiian language to
8 Hawaii's keiki and motivate our keiki to study the
9 Hawaiian language as they see how the Hawaiian
10 language is honored in all aspects of life in the
11 State of Hawaii;
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13 (2) Assist visitors in gaining a better sense of place of
14 our beautiful Pacific paradise, as well as to better
15 understand the intricacies and pronunciations of the
16 Hawaiian language; and
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18 (3) Promote the presence of Hawaiian names and the
19 Hawaiian language among all residents of the State of
20 Hawaii, helping to protect Hawaii's unique cultural
21 heritage; and

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23 WHEREAS, adding Hawaiian diacritical marks to street signs
24 and place name signs upon their replacement will not add any
25 undue costs but will increase the proper use of the Hawaiian
26 language over time; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2016, that the state Department of Transportation, as
 4 well as the Department of Transportation Services of the City
 5 and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works of the County
 6 of Hawaii, Department of Transportation of the County of Maui,
 7 and Department of Public Works of the County of Kauai, are urged
 8 to add Hawaiian diacritical marks where appropriate to all
 9 street signs and place name signs along highways and roadways
 10 upon the replacement of such signs; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors of each county, the
 14 Chair of the Honolulu City Council and each county council, the
 15 Director of Transportation, the Director of Transportation
 16 Services of the City and County of Honolulu, the Director of
 17 Public Works of the County of Hawaii, the Director of the
 18 Department of Transportation of the County of Maui, and the
 19 Director of Public Works of the County of Kauai.

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