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Measure Title: URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED ON FUTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE STATE AND NATION.

Report Title: Department of Education; Board of Education; World Language Learning

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Purpose of Resolution:

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 115.

The Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) approved BOE Policy 105.14, Multilingualism for Equitable Education on February 16, 2016. Multilingualism creates learning environments that draw from the rich linguistic diversity and cultural strengths of Hawaii's students. The BOE recognizes the important role of multilingualism in providing a meaningful and equitable education for student achievement. It has tasked the Department with meeting the following goals:

- provide a range of language program(s) for multilingual students, which include students identified as English Learners ("EL") and students who want to learn an additional language;
- provide effective educators with appropriate knowledge, skills, and instructional materials; and
- provide outreach supports to families to become actively engaged in their children's education.

Further, BOE Policy 105.15, Seal of Biliteracy, was established beginning with the Class of 2017 to recognize the importance of:

- enabling students to be college, career, and community ready in today's global society;
- establishing an educational culture that recognizes and values the wealth of linguistic and cultural diversity students bring to the classroom;

- supporting opportunities for study of and increasing proficiency in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, an official language of the State of Hawai‘i; and
- encouraging partnerships with institutions of higher education and community organizations to increase access to language instruction in a variety of languages.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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