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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO LOCATE POTENTIAL, VIABLE PROPERTIES ALONG THE WAI'ANAE COAST ON WHICH TO ESTABLISH A HAWAIIAN-LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12.

1 WHEREAS, kupuna in the Nānākuli ahupua'a have been striving  
2 to reestablish their children and grandchildren's cultural  
3 identity through the Hawaiian language since the 1960s; and  
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5 WHEREAS, despite the growth of Hawaiian-language immersion  
6 schools in other areas of the state, the creation of a Hawaiian  
7 studies curriculum within the Department of Education, and the  
8 establishment of a Hawaiian studies program at the University of  
9 Hawaii, the Nānākuli community continues to lack a Hawaiian-  
10 language immersion school from kindergarten to grade 12; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Nānākuli ahupua'a has been home to the highest  
13 concentration of Hawaiians in the world for over 50 years, and  
14 children from the Wai'anae Coast constitute a significant portion  
15 of the student population at Hawaiian-language immersion schools  
16 in other areas of the state; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Pūnana Leo o Wai'anae serves students in pre-  
19 kindergarten and kindergarten, while Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Nānākuli  
20 serves students from kindergarten through grade six; and  
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22 WHEREAS, however, Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Nānākuli has  
23 experienced a decline in enrollment because parents prefer to  
24 enroll their children in an immersion school that serves  
25 students from kindergarten through grade 12; and  
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27 WHEREAS, as a result, many students have transferred to  
28 Hawaiian-language immersion schools in other school districts,



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1 including Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuenuē in the Honolulu School  
2 District; and

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4 WHEREAS, a high percentage of students who reside in the  
5 Leeward School District are being transported via school bus to  
6 immersion schools in other areas, which raises costs for both  
7 parents and the Department of Education; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
12 is requested to establish a task force to locate potential,  
13 viable properties along the Wai'anae coast, with a preference for  
14 a location in Mā'ili, on which to establish a Hawaiian-language  
15 immersion school to educate students from kindergarten through  
16 grade 12; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should consist  
19 of the following members:

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- 21 (1) The Superintendent of Education, or the  
22 Superintendent's designee;
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  - 24 (2) The Executive Director of the State Public Charter  
25 School Commission, or the Executive Director's  
26 designee;
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  - 28 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or  
29 the Chairperson's designee;
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  - 31 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
32 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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  - 34 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office  
35 of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;
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  - 37 (6) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the  
38 Mayor's designee; and
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  - 40 (7) Members representing the community and stakeholders;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of  
2 Education, or the Superintendent's designee, should serve as the  
3 chairperson of the task force; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member should be subject to  
6 Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that  
7 member's participation as a member of the task force; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
10 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature at least 30 days  
12 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
16 Education, Executive Director of the State Public Charter School  
17 Commission, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
18 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian  
19 Affairs, and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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