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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PLAN AND REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A COALITION TO DEVELOP THE PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, as part of an 2 effort to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous 3 languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and 4 promote indigenous languages and take further urgent steps at 5 the national and international levels, has declared that 2019 is 6 the International Year of Indigenous Languages; and 7

8 WHEREAS, the United Nations acknowledges that indigenous 9 languages represent complex systems of knowledge that have been 10 developed and accumulated over thousands of years and are 11 repositories of diversity and key resources for understanding 12 the environment and utilizing it to the best advantage of local 13 populations; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has expressed deep concern about the vast number of endangered languages, particularly indigenous languages, and stresses that, despite continuing efforts, there is an urgent need to preserve, promote and revitalize endangered languages; and

21 WHEREAS, olelo Hawaii, or the Hawaiian language, is the 22 indigenous language and, as recognized as by article XV, section 23 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, an official 24 language of the State; and

WHEREAS, the State, in upholding the spirit of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, and in recognition of the numerous achievements over the past thirty-five years in preserving and revitalizing olelo Hawaii, has proclaimed that 2019 is the Year of the Indigenous Language; and



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WHEREAS, for the past thirty-five years, Hawaiian language 1 2 movement leaders; including Aha Punana Leo, Ka Haka Ula O Keelikolani College of Hawaiian Language; Hawaiinuiakiea School 3 4 of Hawaiian Knowledge; the Hawaiian language programs throughout 5 the University of Hawaii System; the Department of Education's Office of Hawaiian Education, including its Hawaiian medium and 6 7 Hawaiian immersion schools, and all other Hawaiian language 8 programs at all public schools, including charter schools; and 9 Kamehameha Schools have collectively worked to reverse the 10 language loss that occurred at the turn of the twentieth 11 century; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities have taken efforts to 14 preserve, revitalize, and promote olelo Hawaii through cooperative efforts to raise speakers of this indigenous 15 16 language, educate learners in immersive settings, normalize the language in its homeland, and drive and inspire change to ensure 17 a living language in Hawaii and beyond; and 18 19 20 WHEREAS, the specific outcomes and results of these 21 collective efforts include: 22 23 (1)The reestablishment of a P-20 Hawaiian medium pathway 24 of education from the Punana Leo preschool; the 25 State's Hawaiian medium and Hawaiian immersion 26 programs; and the graduate degrees offered at Ka Haka 27 Ula o Keelikolani, which serves over four thousand 28 students annually at over forty different sites 29 throughout the State; 30 (2)31 The availability of courses in the Hawaiian language 32 at over two-thirds of the Department of Education's 33 high schools, which recognize the language as a world 34 language; 35 36 (3) The Hawaiian language broadcast media initiative in 37 partnership with Aha Punana Leo and Oiwi Television Network; and 38 39 40 (4)A generation of graduates from Hawaiian medium and 41 Hawaiian immersion programs that grew up speaking



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1 Hawaiian and are raising their own keiki to speak and 2 live olelo Hawaii; and 3 4 WHEREAS, to build upon these successes and further 5 accelerate the normalization of olelo Hawaii beyond the educational realm, the development of a Hawaiian Language Plan 6 7 is necessary to advance use of olelo Hawaii in government 8 services and transactions, private sector activity, and tourism; now, therefore, 9 10 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 12 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports the 13 development of a Hawaiian Language Plan to accelerate the 14 15 normalization of the use of olelo Hawaii; and 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of 17 Aha Punana Leo, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee, is 18 19 requested to convene and serve as the Chair of a Hawaiian 20 Language Plan Coalition to develop a Hawaiian Language Plan; and 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officials, or 23 their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of 24 the coalition: 25 26 (1)The Director of the Office of Hawaiian Education, 27 Department of Education; 28 (2) 29 The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office 30 of Hawaiian Affairs; 31 32 (3) The Dean of the Hawaiinuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, University of Hawaii at Manoa; 33 34 35 (4)The Director of the Ka Haka Ula O Keelikolani College of Hawaiian Language, University of Hawaii at Hilo; 36 37 The Chairperson of the Executive Council of Aha 38 (5) 39 Kauleo; 40 (6) The President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic 41 42 Clubs;



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1 2 2	(7)	The Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools;
3 4	(8)	The President of Kanaeokana;
5 6	(9)	The President of Keomalamalama;
7 8 9 10	(10)	The Chief Executive Officer of Oiwi Television Network; and
11 12 13	(11)	Officials of other appropriate entities, as invited by the chair of the coalition, to ensure a collective representation in the development of the plan; and
14 15 16		T FURTHER RESOLVED that the coalition is requested to n effective Hawaiian Language Plan that:
17 18 19 20	(1)	Builds upon past accomplishments to normalize the use of olelo Hawaii and accelerates further normalization; and
21 22 23 24	(2)	Includes aspirational goals, benchmarks, strategies, and outcomes for the next thirty-five years; and
25 26 27 28 29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Language Plan Coalition is requested to submit to the Legislature its plan, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and	
30 31 32		T FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Language Plan shall cease to exist after June 30, 2021; and
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42	Concurrent of the Of Chairpers Affairs; I Universit Keelikolat at Hilo; of of the Ex	T FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this t Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director fice of Hawaiian Education, Department of Education; on of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Dean of the Hawaiinuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, y of Hawaii at Manoa; Director of the Ka Haka Ula O ni College of Hawaiian Language, University of Hawaii Chief Executive Officer of Aha Punana Leo; Chairperson ecutive Council of Aha Kauleo; President of the on of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Chief Executive Officer of





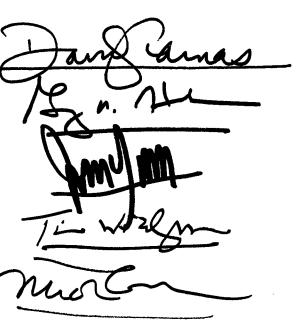
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2 Keomalamalama; and Chief Executive Officer of Oiwi Television 3 Network.

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