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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER TO FURTHER ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND LEADING EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS CONCERNING THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES ON MAUNA KEA AT HALE PŌHAKU AND ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATION OUTREACH AT THE HALE PŌHAKU TO THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER.

1           WHEREAS, this body commends the efforts of the 'Imiloa  
2 Astronomy Center ('Imiloa) in its use of Native Hawaiian  
3 knowledge, culture, and history at the Mauna Kea Visitor  
4 Information Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy,  
5 also known as Hale Pōhaku or Mid-Level Support Facility; and  
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7           WHEREAS, 'Imiloa was built upon unprecedented collaboration  
8 between the Hawaiian community, led by the University of Hawai'i  
9 at Hilo Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian  
10 Language, and the astronomical community to establish its  
11 mission and purpose; and  
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13           WHEREAS, 'Imiloa has served as a piko, a gathering place,  
14 that brings together various audiences to engage in experiences  
15 grounded in the indigenous Hawaiian worldview that has showcased  
16 academic and scientific research since 2006; and  
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18           WHEREAS, over the past thirteen years, 'Imiloa has served  
19 over 1,000,000 visitors, ranging in audiences from pre-  
20 kindergarten to twelfth grade students, university students and  
21 faculty, members of the local community, visitors to Hawai'i, and  
22 local and global scientific communities, and has hosted outreach  
23 events at various community sites throughout the world for  
24 general public engagement; and  
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26           WHEREAS, 'Imiloa, in partnership with the University of  
27 Hawai'i at Hilo College of Hawaiian Language, has created  
28 opportunities for Hawaiian language growth and normalization  
29 through projects that establish the Hawaiian language as



1 standard operations, including the naming of major astronomical  
2 discoveries in the Hawaiian language; and

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4 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa is a founding member of 'Ohana Wa'a, the  
5 collective entity for all of the voyaging canoes in Hawai'i,  
6 including Hōkūle'a, Makali'i, Hawai'iloa, Mo'okiha, Namahoe, and  
7 Hokualaka'i, to which 'Imiloa contributed resources, tools, and  
8 strategic support, including through its planetarium, to further  
9 teach and perpetuate Hawaiian navigation; and

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11 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa has partnered with Mauna Kea Observatories  
12 to bring scientific research and discoveries to the public via  
13 education programs and collaborations; and

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15 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa deepened communication and partnerships  
16 across a multitude of sectors, including formal higher  
17 education, research institutions, Hawaiian epistemological views  
18 and practice, and the local and global community, combining  
19 indigenous and scientific efforts to create solutions that  
20 benefit broader populations; and

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22 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa is the only astronomical science center in  
23 the world that offers bilingual and bicultural educational  
24 experiences honoring the Native Hawaiian culture and the  
25 surrounding environment and provides a leading model for  
26 integrated, culture-based science education and community  
27 engagement; and

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29 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, as the parent  
30 organization of 'Imiloa, has resolved to prioritize the  
31 meaningful increase of education and engagement of Native  
32 Hawaiian students, Hawai'i island residents, and residents of the  
33 State in the areas of astronomy, celestial navigation, and  
34 exploration; and

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36 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo has also  
37 prioritized providing financial support to implement an active  
38 educational and outreach program that highlights Native Hawaiian  
39 knowledge and enhances student access to and utilization of  
40 Mauna Kea based astronomical resources in the field; and



1 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa will work with the Thirty-Meter Telescope  
 2 Project and the Office of Mauna Kea Management to develop  
 3 informational exhibits for Hale Pōhaku for visitors regarding  
 4 the natural, cultural, and archaeological resources of Mauna  
 5 Kea; and

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 7 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa will work with the Thirty-Meter Telescope  
 8 Project and the Office of Mauna Kea Management to develop a  
 9 Thirty-Meter Telescope outreach office that will work with  
 10 Native Hawaiian groups to support and fund programs specific to  
 11 Hawaiian culture and archaeological resources; now, therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 14 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
 15 Representatives concurring, that this body supports and  
 16 encourages the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center to further its role in  
 17 developing and leading educational efforts concerning the  
 18 cultural, natural, and historic resources on Mauna Kea at Hale  
 19 Pōhaku; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the  
 22 transfer of the education outreach efforts and operations at the  
 23 University of Hawai'i operated Mauna Kea Visitor Information  
 24 Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy to the 'Imiloa  
 25 Astronomy Center; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
 29 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,  
 30 Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Executive  
 31 Director of the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, Chair of the Board of  
 32 Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of  
 33 Hawai'i, Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Hawaiian  
 34 Affairs, Chair of the House of Representatives Standing  
 35 Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the  
 36 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all county  
 37 mayors, and Pelekikena 'Aha Hui Siwila 'o Ke Aloha 'Āina.

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