
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that article X, section
2 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution provides that "[t]he State
3 shall promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history and
4 language". The legislature further finds that article XV,
5 section 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution establishes Hawaiian
6 as one of two official languages of the State of Hawaii. The
7 legislature also recognizes that the newly constructed Nanakuli
8 public library is the first public library in the State to
9 include signs that are posted in both Hawaiian and English. The
10 legislature believes that the inclusion of similar dual-language
11 signage in schools run by the department of education will help
12 to promote the Hawaiian language.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require that any
14 sign that is permanently affixed to the interior or exterior of
15 a public school include both English and Hawaiian text.



H.B. NO. 916

Report Title:

Department of Education; Hawaiian Language; Signs

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