
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS AS THE 2020 HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS
OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION.

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools is a private charitable
2 educational trust endowed by the Will of Hawaiian Princess
3 Bernice Pauahi Bishop (December 19, 1831 - October 16, 1884),
4 the great-granddaughter and last direct descendant of King
5 Kamehameha I; and
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7 WHEREAS, during her lifetime, Princess Bernice Pauahi
8 witnessed the rapid decline of the Hawaiian population and knew
9 that education would be key to the survival of her people that
10 she left 375,569 acres of ancestral land, comprising
11 approximately 9% of the total land area in Hawai'i; and
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13 WHEREAS, it was also instructed that the rest, residue and
14 remainder of her estate be used to educate the Hawaiian people
15 and a portion of her estate was used "to erect and maintain in
16 the Hawaiian Islands two schools...one for boys and one girls,
17 to be known as, and called the Kamehameha Schools".
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19 WHEREAS, Princess Pauahi directed her five trustees to
20 invest her estate at their discretion and use the annual income
21 to operate the schools and after the Princess's death in 1884,
22 her husband Charles Reed Bishop started carrying out her will;
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25 WHEREAS, the original Kamehameha School for Boys was
26 established in 1887 but today, her endowment supports an
27 educational system that serves thousands of Hawaiian learners;
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30 WHEREAS, the mission of Kamehameha Schools is to improve
31 the capability and well-being of Hawaiian through education and
32 to operate an educational system serving over 6,900 students of



1 Hawaiian ancestry at K-12 campuses on O'ahu, Maui and Hawai'i
2 Island, and at 30 preschool sites statewide; and
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4 WHEREAS, annually, Kamehameha Schools reach out into
5 communities to serve over 40,000 additional learners through a
6 range of programs and community collaborations which include
7 community charter schools and literacy enhancement programs for
8 public school children, making Kamehameha Schools the largest
9 private contributor to the public-school system in Hawai'i; and
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11 WHEREAS, their educational outreach also includes
12 preschool, kindergarten to 12th grade and post high scholarships
13 which enable Hawaiian learners to attend educational
14 institutions outside of the Kamehameha Schools system; and
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16 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools is guided by innovative
17 strategic plans that map out the direction of their education
18 and stewardship efforts which includes countless opportunities
19 to broaden and deepen a thriving lahui where learners achieve
20 postsecondary education success, enabling good life and career
21 choices; and
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23 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools envision that these learners
24 will be leaders who contribute to their communities both locally
25 and globally and being grounded in Christian and Hawaiian
26 values; now, therefore
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of
30 2020, that this body hereby honors Kamehameha Schools as the
31 2020 Hawaiian Affairs Caucus' Outstanding Organization.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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