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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES AND THE STATE TO WORK WITH HUAMAKAHIKINA AND
KUMU HULA TO ESTABLISH POLICIES PROTECTING HULA.

1 WHEREAS, hula is a centuries-old dance form with a rich
2 cultural and spiritual background; and
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4 WHEREAS, Huamakahikina first convened on August 17, 2020,
5 to amplify the voices of Kumu Hula, or those recognized to
6 represent the hula lineages and advocate for the proper
7 preservation of this art form; and
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9 WHEREAS, growing interest in Hawaiian culture, especially
10 from popular media, has led to misrepresentation, cultural
11 misappropriation, exploitation, and abuse of hula through those
12 who would teach hula without being acknowledged Kumu Hula; and
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14 WHEREAS, the spread of incorrect choreography, designs,
15 proper names, and lexicons weaken the standards and expectations
16 for hula and both damage its reputation culturally and
17 economically, as well as perpetuating ignorance; and
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19 WHEREAS, there is insufficient protection for intellectual
20 property rights for which Kuma Hula are entitled; and
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22 WHEREAS, there is insufficient acknowledgement of the
23 rigorous training Kumu Hula undergo regarding how they are
24 valued in the professional labor market; and
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26 WHEREAS, there is insufficient resources in place to
27 rectify the problems stated above, due to a scarcity of
28 resources provided by the county and state government and
29 significant disparity in how hula is recognized, treated, and
30 housed; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 121

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the counties and state
4 government of Hawaii are urged to work closely with
5 Huamakahikina and Kumu Hula to rectify the above problems
6 through the establishment of new policies and increased
7 resources including public funding and facilities to ensure that
8 hula flourishes for generations to come; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief
12 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Mayor
13 of each county.
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OFFERED BY:

