
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

E HOOKIKINA AKU ANA I KA OIHANA HOONAAUAO I KA APONO ANA I
KOMIKE E HOOPUKA ANA I KA HOOLALA E HIKI AI KE KA ANA IA MA
KA HOULU ANA I KE AO OLELO HAWAII I NA HAUMANA A PAU LOA.

1 OIAI, o ka olelo Hawaii ka olelo o ka lahui Hawaii no na
2 makahiki he elua kaukani a oi ae paha, e paa ai ke kahua o ka
3 nohona Hawaii, ke aupuni Hawaii, ka hoonaaauao Hawaii, ke
4 akeakamai Hawaii, na oihana hana lima Hawaii a me ka hana noeau
5 Hawaii; a

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7 OIAI, ua hookumu ia na kula aupuni o Hawaii e ka moi kane
8 Kamehameha III, o Kauikeaouli, i ka pae aina ea o Hawaii i ka
9 makahiki 1840, he mea no ia i ao ia ma o ka olelo Hawaii, o ia
10 hoi ke kumulipo o ka Oihana Hoonaaauao o ke ao nei, a no laila, o
11 ia kekahi kula aupuni kahiko o na aina a pau ma ke komohana o ka
12 Misisipi, a o ia ke kula aupuni hookahi i hookumu ia e ka moi
13 ea; a

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15 OIAI, ua kaholo ke ao ana o na Hawaii i ka palapala ma muli
16 o ka hookumu ana i na kula a me ka hoopaa ana i ka piapa a me ka
17 pela ana i ka olelo Hawaii, i ka hiki ana mai o ka makahiki
18 1834, ua hiki i ka hapanui o na Hawaii ke heluhelu, he 95
19 pakeneka lakou; a

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21 OIAI, ma lalo o ke aupuni lepulika ma hope o ke kahuli
22 aupuni o 1893, ua aneane make ka olelo Hawaii ma muli o na hihia
23 like ole, e like me ke Kanawai 57 o ka makahiki 1896 i hookumu
24 ia ai mahope o ka hookahuli hewa ia ana o ke Aupuni o Hawaii i
25 ka makahiki 1893 e hookumu ia ana ka olelo Pelekania ma na kula
26 aupuni a pau o Hawaii, me ka papa pu ia ana o ka Olelo Hawaii ma
27 na kula; a

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29 OIAI, o ka hopena o ke Kanawai 57 ka hoopai ana i na
30 haumana no ka hoohana ana i ka olelo Hawaii a he emi loa ka nui



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1 o na kanaka olelo Hawaii mai ke kanaha kaukani i ka makahiki
2 1896 a i ka elua kaukani ma ka makahiki 1978, e ka papa ia ana o
3 ka Olelo Hawaii ma loko o na kula aupuni o Hawaii no kanaiwa mau
4 makahiki, ma kahi eha hanauna; a

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6 OIAI, ua paa ma ke Kumu Kanawai o Hawaii:

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8 (1) Pauku X, Mahele 4, e kakoo ka mokuaina o Hawaii i ke
9 ao ana i na lolina Hawaii, na moololelo Hawaii a me ka
10 olelo Hawaii; a

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12 (2) Pauku XV, Mahele 4, kakau ia, o ka olelo Pelekania a
13 me ka olelo Hawaii na olelo kuhelu o ka mokuaina o
14 Hawaii; a

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16 OIAI, ua holo ka pila HCR130 a lilo i kanawai; a

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18 OIAI, ua hookumu ia no ke aupuni Hawaii i na kulekele e
19 kakoo i ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii, e like hoi me ke kulekele
20 105.7 o ka Papa Hoonaaauao o Hawaii, he kulekele ia e koi ana i
21 ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moololelo o na Hawaii i na
22 haawina kula o na papahana hoonaaauao a me na kula aupuni; a

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24 OIAI, e hoao ana ka Oihana Hoonaaauao e hoakea i ke ao ana i
25 ka olelo Hawaii i na kula aupuni; a

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27 OIAI, ua ae no ka Mokuaina o Hawaii i ka pono o ka hoonui
28 ana a me ka hooikaika ana i ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina like ole
29 o ka mokuaina; a

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31 OIAI, ua ae no ka Mokuaina o Hawaii i ka waiwai o ka malama
32 mau ana a me ke ao mau ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moololelo o
33 na Hawaii; no, laila,

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35 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO e na lala o ka Aha o Na Lunamakaainana
36 o ka Aha Olelo kanakolukumalua o ka Moku Aina o Hawaii o ka Wa
37 Kumau o 2024, e holo ana ma ka Aha Kenekoa i ka wa hookahi, na
38 ka Oihana Hoonaaauao e apono i komike o na kanaka no lakou ka
39 ike a me ke kuleana o ka malama ana i ka olelo Hawaii, e like
40 hoi me na kumu, na luna hoonaaauao, na loea kula nui, ka Aha
41 Kauleo a me na alakai o ke kaiaulu e hoolala i na mea e hana ai
42 i mea e hoomahuahua ai ka olelo ma na aina a pau o Hawaii; a



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UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, penei ana ka hana a ke komike aka aole nae keia he mea e kaupalena ai ka hana o ke komike:

- (1) E helu i ka pono olelo Hawaii i paa, o na haawina, na kumu, na pono ao like ole a me ka nui o ke kala e pono ai ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina a pau;
- (2) E nana i ka makemake o ka poe e ao i ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina like ole;
- (3) E hoolala i ka hooikaika ana i ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii i na aina like ole me ka nana ana i ka okoa o na kanaka ma ia mau wahi;
- (4) E nana i na alaina a me ka hana e pono ai ka holomua ana;
- (5) E haku i ka loiloi e ike pono ai i ka waiwai o ka hana;
- (6) E hoomaopopo i na kanaka like ole e kakoo ana a e komo pu ana i keia hana; a
- (7) E hoonohonoho i ka papa manawa o keia hana; a

UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, na ke Keena Hoonaaauao e hoike aku i ka aha olelo i ka lakou hana ma mua o ka la 31 o Kekemapa o ka makahiki 2024; a

UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, e hoouna ia ana no na kope kuhelu o keia palapala hololike i ke Kiaaina o ka Moku Aina o Hawaii, i ka luna o ke Keena Hoonauao o Hawaii a me ka luna hoomalu o ka Papa Hoonaaauao o Hawaii.



1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO
2 DEVELOP A MEASURABLE PLAN TO EXPAND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE
3 EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS.
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7 WHEREAS, Olelo Hawaii, the Hawaiian language, has been the
8 native language of Hawaii's indigenous people for more than two
9 thousand years, providing the foundation for the establishment
10 and development of Hawaiian society, including government,
11 education, sciences, trades, and arts; and
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13 WHEREAS, Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III, established Hawaii's
14 public education system in the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1840 in the
15 medium of Hawaiian language, which is the genesis of the present
16 Hawaii State Department of Education, making it the oldest
17 school system in the United States west of the Mississippi
18 River, and the only system established by a sovereign monarch;
19 and
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21 WHEREAS, the combination of government schools and
22 standardized orthography led to rapid literacy among indigenous
23 Hawaiians, ninety-five percent of whom attained literacy by
24 1834; and
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26 WHEREAS, under the rule of the provisional government after
27 the overthrow in 1893, Olelo Hawaii was pushed to the brink of
28 extinction by several factors, including Act 57, Laws of the
29 Republic of Hawaii 1896 (Act 57), declaring an English-only law
30 over Hawaii's public schools, prohibiting the use of Olelo
31 Hawaii as a medium of instruction; and
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33 WHEREAS, the repercussions of Act 57 resulted in
34 punishments for speaking Olelo Hawaii at school, the number of
35 Hawaiian language speakers collapsing from nearly forty thousand
36 in 1896 to a mere two thousand in 1978, and exclusion from
37 Hawaii's public schools for ninety years, an estimated loss for
38 four generations; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Hawaii includes, among other
41 provisions:
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1 (1) Article X, Section 4, which requires the State to
2 promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and
3 language; and
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5 (2) Article XV, Section 4, which states that English and
6 Hawaiian shall be the official languages of the State
7 of Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii passed House Concurrent
10 Resolution No. 130, Regular Session of 2022, which apologized to
11 Native Hawaiians for prohibiting the Hawaiian language in
12 schools; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has also enacted policies to
15 support the use and teaching of the Hawaiian language, including
16 Hawaii Board of Education Policy 105.7, which provides for the
17 integration of Hawaiian language and culture into the curriculum
18 and educational programs of public schools; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has made efforts to
21 incorporate Hawaiian language education into the curriculum of
22 public schools; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii acknowledges that there is a
25 need to increase the accessibility of Hawaiian language
26 education in every complex throughout the State; and
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28 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the importance of
29 preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian language and culture;
30 now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
34 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
35 Education is requested to appoint a committee of key
36 stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, University of
37 Hawaii representatives, Aha Kauleo, and community leaders to
38 develop a measurable plan to increase Hawaiian language
39 education in every complex; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan shall include, but not
42 be limited to, the following:



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- (1) Identification of the current resources, including teachers, materials, and funding, available for Hawaiian language education in each complex;
- (2) Assessment of the current demand for Hawaiian language education in each complex, including demand from all key stakeholder groups;
- (3) Development of a plan to increase the accessibility of Hawaiian language education in each complex that allows and addresses the unique perspectives and alternative approaches to Hawaiian education of communities and families;
- (4) Identification of any barriers to the implementation of the plan, and strategies to address these barriers;
- (5) Establishment of performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the plan;
- (6) Identification of potential partnerships and collaborations with organizations and individuals to support the plan's implementation; and
- (7) Development of a timeline for the implementation of the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to report the plan to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the Board of Education.

OFFERED BY: Amy Perusso
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