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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING BUSINESSES IN HAWAII TO USE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO TEACH EMPLOYEES HAWAIIAN
AND HIRE PERMANENT HAWAII LANGUAGE TEACHERS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language, also known as ‘Ōlelo
2 Hawai‘i, holds cultural significance and is an integral part of
3 the rich heritage of the State of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, promoting and preserving the Hawaiian language
6 contributes to the preservation of the unique cultural identity
7 of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of fostering an
10 inclusive environment that embraces the cultural diversity of
11 Hawaii is essential for the well-being of the community; and

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13 WHEREAS, encouraging the use of Hawaiian language in
14 businesses is a positive step toward cultural enrichment and
15 linguistic diversity; and

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17 WHEREAS, creating opportunities for the permanent hiring of
18 Hawaiian language teachers supports language education in
19 initiatives and ensures the continuity of language learning
20 programs; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that all businesses
25 operating in the State are requested to incorporate the use of
26 Hawaiian language in their daily operations, including but not
27 limited to signage, communication materials, and customer
28 interactions; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
31 requested to allocate resources to establish a permanent



1 position for a Hawaiian language teacher who is available to
2 businesses in the State to ensure that employees have access to
3 language learning opportunities; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
6 Education, in collaboration with cultural organizations and
7 language experts, is requested to develop and implement
8 education programs to support businesses in using Hawaiian
9 language, including language training for employees; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
13 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of
14 Education and Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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OFFERED BY: _____

