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Systems

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March 9, 2021

To: Representative Justin Woodson, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Education

Representative David Tarnas, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Water and Land

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 8/HR 9 URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY INCORPORATING MORE DIVERSE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES AS CORE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION.**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 8/HR 9 Urging the Board of Education and Department of Education to Elevate Hawaiian Language and Cultural Education in Public High Schools by Incorporating More Diverse Hawaiian Language and Cultural Classes as Core Requirements Throughout Secondary Education.

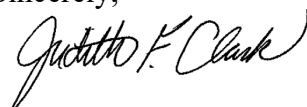
In October 2020, 55 youth gathered over a 3-day period to come to agreement on what the Hawaii Legislature needs to do to make our state a better place to live, learn, and work. More than 1,100 youth then voted to rank the priorities.

Town hall meetings to enable youth, parents, and community members to share their concerns about education was one of the ten recommendations.

Hawaii Youth Services Network urges you to honor the voices of our youth by passing this resolution.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



**HCR-8**

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 4:30:05 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
MaryAnn Omerod	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HCR 8 - URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY INCORPORATING MORE DIVERSE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES AS CORE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2021 5:01:42 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
maelani Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I hereby support HCR 8 because I believe Hawaiian is our main culture here in Hawaii islands and the Hawaiian language is necessary to keep our culture alive. It should be mandated to take Hawaiian language because we are hosts and it is necessary to keep our native tongue going for the betterment of our heritage. Mahalo.

**HCR-8**

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 5:02:42 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Marquez	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Malia Marquez, I reside in Maunaloa, O'ahu. As a former Hawaiian Studies teacher for the DOE Kupuna Program I strongly support HCR 8. Every child living IN Hawai'i should be educated with our culture. It should definitely be incorporated as a core subject in ALL public high schools. We are a living, breathing people, Hawai'i is unique. It's long overdue to educate our kids on Hawaiian language (which is also an official language of our state), our culture and our history, in depth. I urge you to support HCR 8. Mahalo for your time.