
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF THE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program, mandated by the
2 Constitution of the State of Hawaii, article X, section 4, has
3 been implemented in public elementary schools as Hawaiian
4 studies and language programs to assist students to learn,
5 understand, and appreciate Hawaiian language, culture, and
6 history; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program utilizes a kupuna
9 (elder) component, which consists of a community resource person
10 who has expertise in Hawaii's cultural heritage and assists
11 classroom teachers in the delivery of program instruction; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian education program is a viable part of
14 the perpetuation of the native Hawaiian language and culture,
15 and the Board of Education's support for the program is an
16 integral part of the Hawaii content and performance standards;
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19 WHEREAS, many schools do not provide the Hawaiian education
20 program in all grade levels, the program curriculum has become
21 outdated and now requires the support and assistance of the
22 Department of Education; and

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24 WHEREAS, a review of the Hawaiian education program would
25 assist the Department of Education in maintaining the quality
26 and consistency of delivery of the program; now, therefore

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
31 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study of the
32 Department of Education's Hawaiian education program,



1 implemented as Hawaiian studies and language programs, to
2 identify concerns and issues regarding the delivery and
3 implementation of the program; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
6 Bureau is requested to include in the study:
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- 8 (1) A review of pay scales for all kupuna associated with
9 the Hawaiian studies and language programs, with
10 particular attention to pay equity across programs and
11 from school to school;
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- 13 (2) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language
14 programs' support for professional development for
15 teachers in the programs;
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- 17 (3) A review of the effectiveness of the Hawaiian studies
18 and language programs in complying with the mandate to
19 promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and
20 language, as required by the Constitution of the State
21 of Hawaii, article X, section 4; and
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- 23 (4) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language
24 programs' development of curriculum and materials for
25 use in the delivery of the programs' educational
26 goals; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for
31 improving the Hawaiian studies and language program not later
32 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
33 of 2008; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
37 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of
38 the Board of Education, the Superintendent of the Department of
39 Education, and the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian
40 Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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