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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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21 outdated and now requires the support and assistance of the  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, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is  
31 requested to conduct a study of the Department of Education's  
32 Hawaiian education program, implemented as Hawaiian studies and  
33 language programs, to identify concerns and issues regarding the  
34 delivery and implementation of the program; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
2 Bureau is requested to include in the study:

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- 4 (1) A review of pay scales for all kupuna associated with  
5 the Hawaiian studies and language programs, with  
6 particular attention to pay equity across programs and  
7 from school to school;
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- 9 (2) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language  
10 programs' support for professional development for  
11 teachers in the programs;
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- 13 (3) A review of the effectiveness of the Hawaiian studies  
14 and language programs in complying with the mandate to  
15 promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and  
16 language, as required by the Constitution of the State  
17 of Hawaii, article X, section 4; and
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- 19 (4) A review of the Hawaiian studies and language  
20 programs' development of curriculum and materials for  
21 use in the delivery of the programs' educational  
22 goals; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
25 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
26 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for  
27 improving the Hawaiian studies and language program not later  
28 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
29 of 2008; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of the  
33 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of  
34 Education, the Superintendent of the Department of Education,  
35 and the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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OFFERED BY:

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BY REQUEST  
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