A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the preservation of 2 the Hawaiian language is of paramount importance toward the goal 3 of preserving the Hawaiian culture. Since 1978, when the State 4 reestablished Hawaiian as one of its official languages along 5 with English, the Hawaiian language has enjoyed a vital renewal. The purpose of this Act is to require the department of 6 7 accounting and general services to develop a plan to have all signs in the State capitol building in both English and 8 9 Hawaiian, to reflect the two official languages of our state. 10 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general 11 services shall develop a plan to have all signs in the State capitol building in both English and Hawaiian. 12 The department of accounting and general 13 SECTION 3. 14 services shall prepare and submit the plan, including proposed

legislation, if applicable, to the legislature no later than
twenty days before the beginning of the regular session of 2009.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Government signs at State Capitol; Hawaiian Language

Description:

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to prepare and submit a plan to the 2009 Legislature to have all signs at the State Capitol in both English and Hawaiian.