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## SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER  
EDUCATION CONSORTIUM ACCREDITATION OF KA HAKA 'ULA O  
KE'ELIKOLANI COLLEGE OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF HAWAI'I AT HILO.

1 WHEREAS, Act 315, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, established  
2 a Hawaiian language college with undergraduate and graduate  
3 study, teacher certification, indigenous language outreach, and  
4 a Hawaiian language support center at the University of Hawai'i  
5 at Hilo; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language college at the University of  
8 Hawai'i at Hilo was later officially named Ka Haka 'Ula O  
9 Ke'elikolani in honor of Ruth Ke'elikolani Keanolani Kanahoahoa,  
10 a nineteenth century governor of the Island of Hawaii known for  
11 her strong advocacy of Hawaiian language and culture; and

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13 WHEREAS, the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education  
14 Consortium provides an international forum and support for  
15 indigenous peoples to pursue common goals through higher  
16 education; and

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18 WHEREAS, the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education  
19 Consortium accredits indigenous institutions and programs of  
20 higher education; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2009, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani was awarded  
23 full accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher  
24 Education Consortium; and

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26 WHEREAS, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani was the first college  
27 in the United States within a mainstream institution to be  
28 awarded World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium  
29 accreditation; and

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31 WHEREAS, in 2010, the World Indigenous Nations Higher  
32 Education Consortium awarded accreditation to the P-20 Hawaiian  
33 Maui Ola Education System at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani; this



1 was the first time that the World Indigenous Nations Higher  
2 Education Consortium awarded accreditation to a preschool to  
3 graduate school program; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Maui Ola Education System is unique  
6 and distinct in its use of Hawaiian as the language of  
7 instruction, administration, and socialization; and  
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9 WHEREAS, this program has produced outstanding academic  
10 achievements amongst its students and has a proven record of  
11 producing college- and career-ready high school graduates; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani  
14 are the culmination of over thirty years of actions by people  
15 and organizations in Hawaii, including speakers of Hawaiian,  
16 descendents of speakers of Hawaiian, and the Association of  
17 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, who supported the inclusion of Hawaiian  
18 language and culture throughout Hawaii's educational system; and  
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20 WHEREAS, international accreditation by the World  
21 Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium recognizes Ka  
22 Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language's success  
23 in revitalizing the Hawaiian language and in creating an  
24 educational model from which other indigenous peoples may learn  
25 and be inspired; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
29 that Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language at  
30 the University of Hawai'i at Hilo be recognized for its  
31 accomplishment of preschool to graduate school accreditation by  
32 the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature join with the  
35 fifty-first convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic  
36 Clubs in recognizing the preschool to graduate school  
37 accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education  
38 Consortium as an achievement of special significance to members  
39 of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs who have steadfastly supported the  
40 Hawaiian language and to the people of Hawaii who have supported  
41 the unique mission of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of  
42 Hawaiian Language; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature join with the  
2 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the families, faculty, and  
3 staff of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani in celebrating the preschool  
4 to graduate school accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations  
5 Higher Education Consortium; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Ka Haka 'Ula O  
9 Ke'elikolani Hawaiian Language College at the University of  
10 Hawai'i at Hilo, President of the University of Hawai'i System,  
11 Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, and  
12 Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.  
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