
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 'AHA KAULEO KAIAPUNI HAWAI'I AND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF 'AHA KAULEO KAIAPUNI HAWAI'I ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language, the native language of the
2 Native Hawaiian people, was once a thriving language used by
3 Native Hawaiians and foreigners alike; and
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5 WHEREAS, by the late twentieth century, however, the
6 Hawaiian language was pushed to the brink of extinction due to a
7 number of factors, including an 1896 law that banned the
8 speaking of the Hawaiian language in Hawaii schools; and
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10 WHEREAS, fortunately, the Hawaiian language was saved by
11 several historic initiatives, including the Department of
12 Education's Hawaiian Language Immersion Program that was
13 launched in the 1980s and is presently offered at twenty-one
14 public schools and educates more than two thousand students in
15 kindergarten through the twelfth grade; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted Board of
18 Education Policy 2105, acknowledging that its Hawaiian Language
19 Immersion Program is "an essential component to the
20 revitalization and continuation of the Hawaiian language and
21 culture"; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 1990, the Board of Education approved the
24 establishment of the 'Aha Kauleo Kaiapuni Hawai'i, or the
25 Hawaiian Language Immersion Advisory Council, to advise the
26 Department of Education on the educational needs of the Hawaiian
27 Language Immersion Program students; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2012, that the Board of Education and the Department of
4 Education are urged to formally acknowledge the establishment of
5 'Aha Kauleo Kaiapuni Hawai'i, or the Hawaiian Language Immersion
6 Advisory Council, in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, or through the
7 Hawaii Administrative Rules; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and
10 the Board of Education are urged to continue to support and
11 implement the recommendations of 'Aha Kauleo Kaiapuni Hawai'i on
12 matters relating to the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
16 Education, Superintendent of Education, and 'Aha Kauleo Kaiapuni
17 Hawai'i.

