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Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 19 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 8 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 8 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY INCORPORATING MORE DIVERSE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES AS CORE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Board of Education and Department of Education to elevate Hawaiian language and cultural education in public high schools by incorporating more diverse Hawaiian language and cultural classes as core requirements throughout secondary education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiian students represent the single largest ethnic group in Hawaii's public schools and deserve a curriculum that is attentive to the perpetuation of their culture and identity. Your Committee further finds that the only existing core curriculum requirement at the high school level dedicated to promoting the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language and providing for a Hawaiian education program in public

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schools, as required by article X, section 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution, is the 0.5 credit Modern Hawaiian History class. Your Committee believes Hawaiian education will be of benefit to students of all ethnic backgrounds by contribution to an understanding and appreciation of Hawaii's unique cultural and historical context.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to read "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY EXPANDING ACCESS TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES THAT FULFILL CORE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION;"
- (2) Clarifying that the Board of Education and Department of Education are urged to elevate Hawaiian language and cultural education in public high schools by expanding access to Hawaiian language and cultural classes that fulfill core requirements throughout secondary education;
- (3) Inserting language requesting the Department of Education's Office of Hawaiian Education to identify public school teachers who have received or would like to receive training in Hawaiian language and culture to increase access to Hawaiian content in secondary schools; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 8, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 8, H.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

Chair IN H. WOODS N



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 8	Committee Referral: EDN, JH4	Date: 3/11/2021		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <ul> <li>Pass, unamended (as is)</li> <li>Pass, with amendments (HD)</li> <li>Hold</li> <li>Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)</li> </ul>				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
5. DELIATIN, Dena Au			S. M. Dennis ( Sana)	
4. DeCOITE, Lynn			Santan prata di Stregi	
5. GANADEN, Sonny				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
8. OHNO, Takashi				
9. QUINLAN, Sean				
5. QUINLAN, Sean				
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
12. OKIMOTO, Val				
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TOTAL (12)		0	0	1
The recommendation is:       Image: Adopted in the second se				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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