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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES AND THE STATE TO WORK WITH HUAMAKAHIKINA AND  
KUMU HULA TO ESTABLISH POLICIES PROTECTING HULA.

1           WHEREAS, hula is a centuries-old dance form with a rich  
2 cultural and spiritual background; and  
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4           WHEREAS, Huamakahikina first convened on August 17, 2020,  
5 to amplify the voices of Kumu Hula, or those recognized to  
6 represent the hula lineages and advocate for the proper  
7 preservation of this art form; and  
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9           WHEREAS, growing interest in Hawaiian culture, especially  
10 from popular media, has led to misrepresentation, cultural  
11 misappropriation, exploitation, and abuse of hula through those  
12 who would teach hula without being acknowledged Kumu Hula; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the spread of incorrect choreography, designs,  
15 proper names, and lexicons weaken the standards and expectations  
16 for hula and both damage its reputation culturally and  
17 economically, as well as perpetuating ignorance; and  
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19           WHEREAS, there is insufficient protection for intellectual  
20 property rights for which Kuma Hula are entitled; and  
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22           WHEREAS, there is insufficient acknowledgement of the  
23 rigorous training Kumu Hula undergo regarding how they are  
24 valued in the professional labor market; and  
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26           WHEREAS, there is insufficient resources in place to  
27 rectify the problems stated above, due to a scarcity of  
28 resources provided by the county and state government and  
29 significant disparity in how hula is recognized, treated, and  
30 housed; now, therefore,  
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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
34 that the counties and state government of Hawaii are urged to



1 work closely with Huamakahikina and Kumu Hula to rectify the  
2 above problems through the establishment of new policies and  
3 increased resources including public funding and facilities to  
4 ensure that hula flourishes for generations to come; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief Executive  
8 Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Mayor of each  
9 county.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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