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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND  
MAINTAIN HAWAIIAN CULTURAL CENTERS WITHIN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, native Hawaiian culture is the foundation of all  
2 aspects of life in Hawaii; and

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4 WHEREAS, this culture influences Hawaii's government,  
5 businesses, tourism industry, families, and individuals; and

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7 WHEREAS, despite the prevalence of this cultural  
8 foundation, there are no public spaces dedicated to the practice  
9 and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaiian cultural centers may serve as places  
12 where residents and visitors may learn about Hawaiian culture,  
13 history, tradition, and practices; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that no later  
18 than \_\_\_\_\_, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to  
19 establish and maintain no fewer than \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaiian cultural  
20 centers within the State; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
23 is requested to ensure that each Hawaiian cultural center:

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25 (1) Is dedicated to Hawaiian culture and history,  
26 emphasizing the particular geographic location of the  
27 center;  
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29 (2) Contains both static and interactive displays and  
30 exhibits;  
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1 (3) Offers classes in Hawaiian chanting, dancing, music,  
2 language, and other cultural practices on a regular,  
3 ongoing basis; and  
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5 (4) Serves as a place where the public may gather and hold  
6 celebrations; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2024 and 2026, the  
10 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested  
11 to submit to the Legislature reports that include:  
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13 (1) The status of the Office's attempts to honor the  
14 requests contained in this measure;  
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16 (2) The estimated costs of the planning, design, and  
17 construction of Hawaiian cultural centers;  
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19 (3) Any proposed legislation; and  
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21 (4) Any other relevant information; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
25 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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28 OFFERED BY: Kurt Fevella

