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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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E HOOKIKINA AKU ANA I KA OIHANA HOONAAUAO I KA APONO ANA I  
KOMIKE E HOOPUKA ANA I KA HOOLALA E HIKI AI KE KA ANA IA MA  
KA HOOULU ANA I KE AO OLELO HAWAII I NA HAUMANA A PAU LOA.

1       OIAI, o ka olelo Hawaii ka olelo o ka lahui Hawaii no na  
2 makahiki he elua kaukani a oi ae paha, e paa ai ke kahua o ka  
3 nohona Hawaii, ke aupuni Hawaii, ka hoonaauao Hawaii, ke  
4 akeakamai Hawaii, na oihana hana lima Hawaii a me ka hana noeau  
5 Hawaii; a

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7       OIAI, ua hookumu ia na kula aupuni o Hawaii e ka moi kane  
8 Kamehameha III, o Kauikeaouli, i ka pae aina ea o Hawaii i ka  
9 makahiki 1840, he mea no ia i ao ia ma o ka olelo Hawaii, o ia  
10 hoi ke kumulipo o ka Oihana Hoonaauao o ke ao nei, a no laila, o  
11 ia kekahiki kula aupuni kahiko o na aina a pau ma ke komohana o ka  
12 Misisipi, a o ia ke kula aupuni hookahi i hookumu ia e ka moi  
13 ea; a

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15       OIAI, ua kaholo ke ao ana o na Hawaii i ka palapala ma muli  
16 o ka hookumu ana i na kula a me ka hoopaa ana i ka piapa a me ka  
17 pela ana i ka olelo Hawaii, i ka hiki ana mai o ka makahiki  
18 1834, ua hiki i ka hapanui o na Hawaii ke heluhelu, he 95  
19 pakeneka lakou; a

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21       OIAI, ma lalo o ke aupuni lepulika ma hope o ke kahuli  
22 aupuni o 1893, ua aneane make ka olelo Hawaii ma muli o na hihia  
23 like ole, e like me ke Kanawai 57 o ka makahiki 1896 i hookumu  
24 ia ai mahope o ka hookahuli hewa ia ana o ke Aupuni o Hawaii i  
25 ka makahiki 1893 e hookumu ia ana ka olelo Pelekania ma na kula  
26 aupuni a pau o Hawaii, me ka papa pu ia ana o ka Olelo Hawaii ma  
27 na kula; a

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29       OIAI, o ka hopena o ke Kanawai 57 ka hoopai ana i na  
30 haumana no ka hoohana ana i ka olelo Hawaii a he emi loa ka nui  
31 o na kanaka olelo Hawaii mai ke kanaha kaukani i ka makahiki  
32 1896 a i ka elua kaukani ma ka makahiki 1978, e ka papa ia ana o



1 ka Olelo Hawaii ma loko o na kula aupuni o Hawaii no kanaiwa mau  
2 makahiki, ma kahi eha hanauna; a

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4 OIAI, ua paa ma ke Kumu Kanawai o Hawaii:

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6 (1) Pauku X, Mahele 4, e kakoo ka mokuaina o Hawaii i ke  
7 ao ana i na loina Hawaii, na moolelo Hawaii a me ka  
8 olelo Hawaii; a

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10 (2) Pauku XV, Mahele 4, kakau ia, o ka olelo Pelekania a  
11 me ka olelo Hawaii na olelo kuhelu o ka mokuaina o  
12 Hawaii; a

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14 OIAI, ua holo ka pila HCR130 a lilo i kanawai; a

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16 OIAI, ua hookumu ia no ke aupuni Hawaii i na kulekele e  
17 kakoo i ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii, e like hoi me ke kulekele  
18 105.7 o ka Papa Hoonaauao o Hawaii, he kulekele ia e koi ana i  
19 ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moolelo o na Hawaii i na  
20 haawina kula o na papahana hoonaauao a me na kula aupuni; a

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22 OIAI, e hoao ana ka Oihana Hoonaauao e hoakea i ke ao ana i  
23 ka olelo Hawaii i na kula aupuni; a

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25 OIAI, ua ae no ka Mokuaina o Hawaii i ka pono o ka hoonui  
26 ana a me ka hooikaiaka ana i ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina like ole  
27 o ka mokuaina; a

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29 OIAI, ua ae no ka Mokuaina o Hawaii i ka waiwai o ka malama  
30 mau ana a me ke ao mau ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moolelo o  
31 na Hawaii; no, laila,

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33 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO e na lala o ka Aha Kenekoa o ka Aha  
34 Olelo kanakolukumalua o ka Moku Aina o Hawaii o ka Wa Kumau o  
35 2023, na ka Oihana Hoonaauao e apono i komike o na kanaka no  
36 lakou ka ike a me ke kuleana o ka malama ana i ka olelo Hawaii,  
37 e like hoi me na kumu, na luna hoonaauao, na loea kula nui, ka  
38 Aha Kauleo a me na alakai o ke kaiaulu e hoolala i na mea e hana  
39 ai i mea e hoomahuahua ai ka olelo ma na aina a pau o Hawaii; a

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41 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, penei ana ka hana a ke komike aka  
42 aole nae keia he mea e kaupalena ai ka hana o ke komike:



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2       (1) E helu i ka pono olelo Hawaii i paa, o na haawina, na  
3           kumu, na pono ao like ole a me ka nui o ke kala e pono  
4           ai ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina a pau;  
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6       (2) E nana i ka makemake o ka poe e ao i ka olelo Hawaii  
7           ma na aina like ole;  
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9       (3) E hoolala i ka hooikaika ana i ke ao ana i ka olelo  
10           Hawaii i na aina like ole me ka nana ana i ka okoa o  
11           na kanaka ma ia mau wahi;  
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13       (4) E nana i na alaina a me ka hana e pono ai ka holomua  
14           ana;  
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16       (5) E haku i ka loiloi e ike pono ai i ka waiwai o ka  
17           hana;  
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19       (6) E hoomaopopo i na kanaka like ole e kakoo ana a e komo  
20           pu ana i keia hana; a  
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22       (7) E hoonohonoho i ka papa manawa o keia hana; a  
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24       UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, na ke Keena Hoonauao e hoike aku i  
25           ka aha olelo i ka lakou hana ma mua o ka la 31 o Kekemapa o ka  
26           makahiki 2023; a  
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28       UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, e hoouna ia ana no na kope kuhelu o  
29           keia palapala i ke Kiaaina o ka Moku Aina o Hawaii, i ka luna o  
30           ke Keena Hoonauao o Hawaii a me ka luna hoomalu o ka Papa  
31           Hoonauao o Hawaii.  
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1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO  
2 DEVELOP A MEASURABLE PLAN TO EXPAND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE  
3 EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, Olelo Hawaii, the Hawaiian language, has been the  
8 native language of Hawaii's indigenous people for more than two  
9 thousand years, providing the foundation for the establishment  
10 and development of Hawaiian society, including government,  
11 education, sciences, trades, and arts; and

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13 WHEREAS, Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III, established Hawaii's  
14 public education system in the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1840 in the  
15 medium of Hawaiian language, which is the genesis of the present  
16 Hawaii State Department of Education, making it the oldest  
17 school system in the United States west of the Mississippi  
18 River, and the only system established by a sovereign monarch;  
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, the combination of government schools and  
22 standardized orthography led to rapid literacy among indigenous  
23 Hawaiians, ninety-five percent of whom attained literacy by  
24 1834; and

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26 WHEREAS, under the rule of the provisional government after  
27 the overthrow in 1893, the Olelo Hawaii was pushed to the brink  
28 of extinction by several factors, including Act 57, Laws of the  
29 Republic of Hawaii 1896 (Act 57), declaring an English-only law  
30 over Hawaii's public schools, prohibiting the use of Olelo  
31 Hawaii as a medium of instruction; and

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33 WHEREAS, the repercussions of Act 57 resulted in  
34 punishments for speaking Olelo Hawaii at school, the number of  
35 Hawaiian language speakers collapsing from nearly forty thousand  
36 in 1896 to a mere two thousand in 1978, and exclusion from  
37 Hawaii's public schools for ninety years, an estimated loss for  
38 four generations; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Hawaii includes, among other  
41 provisions:

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- 1           (1) Article X, Section 4, which requires the State to  
2           promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and  
3           language; and  
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5           (2) Article XV, Section 4, which states that English and  
6           Hawaiian shall be the official languages of the State  
7           of Hawaii; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii passed House Concurrent  
10          Resolution No. 130, Regular Session of 2022; and  
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12          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has also enacted policies to  
13          support the use and teaching of the Hawaiian language, including  
14          Hawaii Board of Education Policy 105.7, which provides for the  
15          integration of Hawaiian language and culture into the curriculum  
16          and educational programs of public schools; and  
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18          WHEREAS, the Department of Education has made efforts to  
19          incorporate Hawaiian language education into the curriculum of  
20          public schools; and  
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22          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii acknowledges that there is a  
23          need to increase the accessibility of Hawaiian language  
24          education in every complex throughout the State; and  
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26          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the importance of  
27          preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian language and culture;  
28          now, therefore,  
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30          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
31          Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
32          that the Department of Education is requested to appoint a  
33          committee of key stakeholders, including teachers,  
34          administrators, University of Hawaii representatives, Aha  
35          Kauleo, and community leaders to develop a measurable plan to  
36          increase Hawaiian language education in every complex; and  
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38          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan shall include, but not  
39          be limited to, the following:  
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- 1       (1) Identification of the current resources, including  
2            teachers, materials, and funding, available for  
3            Hawaiian language education in each complex;
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- 5       (2) Assessment of the current demand for Hawaiian language  
6            education in each complex, including demand from all  
7            key stakeholder groups;
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- 9       (3) Development of a plan to increase the accessibility of  
10          Hawaiian language education in each complex that  
11          allows and addresses the unique perspectives and  
12          alternative approaches to Hawaiian education of  
13          communities and families;
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- 15      (4) Identification of any barriers to the implementation  
16          of the plan, and strategies to address these barriers;
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- 18      (5) Establishment of performance measures to assess the  
19          effectiveness of the plan;
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- 21      (6) Identification of potential partnerships and  
22          collaborations with organizations and individuals to  
23          support the plan's implementation; and
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- 25      (7) Development of a timeline for the implementation of  
26          the plan; and
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
29          requested to report the plan to the Legislature no later than  
30          December 31, 2023; and

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32          Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of  
33          Education, and Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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