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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 HOOLU 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 hoonaaauao 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 Hoonaaauao o ke ao nei, a no laila, o  
11 ia kekahi 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



1 o na kanaka olelo Hawaii mai ke kanaha kaukani i ka makahiki  
2 1896 a i ka elua kaukani ma ka makahiki 1978, e ka papa ia ana o  
3 ka Olelo Hawaii ma loko o na kula aupuni o Hawaii no kanaiwa mau  
4 makahiki, ma kahi eha hanauna; a

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

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8 (1) Pauku X, Mahele 4, e kakoo ka mokuaina o Hawaii i ke  
9 ao ana i na lolina Hawaii, na moololelo Hawaii a me ka  
10 olelo Hawaii; a

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

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

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18 OIAI, ua hookumu ia no ke aupuni Hawaii i na kulekele e  
19 kakoo i ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii, e like hoi me ke kulekele  
20 105.7 o ka Papa Hoonauauo o Hawaii, he kulekele ia e koi ana i  
21 ke ao ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moololelo o na Hawaii i na  
22 haawina kula o na papahana hoonauauo a me na kula aupuni; a

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24 OIAI, e hoao ana ka Oihana Hoonauauo e hoakea i ke ao ana i  
25 ka olelo Hawaii i na kula aupuni; a

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

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31 OIAI, ua ae no ka Mokuaina o Hawaii i ka waiwai o ka malama  
32 mau ana a me ke ao mau ana i ka olelo Hawaii a me ka moololelo o  
33 na Hawaii; no, laila,

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



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2 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, penei ana ka hana a ke komike aka  
3 aoie nae keia he mea e kaupalena ai ka hana o ke komike:  
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5 (1) E helu i ka pono olelo Hawaii i paa, o na haawina, na  
6 kumu, na pono ao like ole a me ka nui o ke kala e pono  
7 ai ka olelo Hawaii ma na aina a pau;  
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9 (2) E nana i ka makemake o ka poe e ao i ka olelo Hawaii  
10 ma na aina like ole;  
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12 (3) E hoolala i ka hooikaika ana i ke ao ana i ka olelo  
13 Hawaii i na aina like ole me ka nana ana i ka okoa o  
14 na kanaka ma ia mau wahi;  
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16 (4) E nana i na alaina a me ka hana e pono ai ka holomua  
17 ana;  
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19 (5) E haku i ka loiloi e ike pono ai i ka waiwai o ka  
20 hana;  
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22 (6) E hoomaopopo i na kanaka like ole e kakoo ana a e komo  
23 pu ana i keia hana; a  
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25 (7) E hoonohonoho i ka papa manawa o keia hana; a  
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27 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, na ke Keena Hoonaaauao e hoiike aku i  
28 ka aha olelo i ka lakou hana ma mua o ka la 31 o Kekemapa o ka  
29 makahiki 2023; a  
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31 UA HOOPONOPONO IA NO, e hoouna ia ana no na kope kuhelu o  
32 keia palapala hololike i ke Kiaaina o ka Moku Aina o Hawaii, i  
33 ka luna o ke Keena Hoonaaauao o Hawaii a me ka luna hoomalu o ka  
34 Papa Hoonaaauao 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, the  
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
33 Education is requested to appoint a committee of key  
34 stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, University of  
35 Hawaii representatives, Aha Kauleo, and community leaders to  
36 develop a measurable plan to increase Hawaiian language  
37 education in every complex; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan shall include, but not  
40 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

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

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