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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOOLS STATEWIDE TO INCLUDE LESSONS REGARDING HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, LĀ KŪ'OKO'A.

WHEREAS, November 28 was formally recognized in 2023 as a 1 day of remembrance for Hawaiian Independence Day, Lā Kū'oko'a, 2 within the State of Hawaii; and 3 4 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Independence Day commemorates England and 5 France's official signing of the Anglo-Franco Proclamation in 6 1843 which diplomatically acknowledged the Hawaiian Kingdom's 7 independence and sovereignty; and 8 9 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Independence Day is known as a day of 10 11 celebration of identity and the joyful pride that comes with being a part of Hawaii; and 12 13 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Independence Day recognizes aloha 'āina 14 that continues to grow in the people of Hawaii's na'au due to the 15 16 passion and love they have for their homeland and lands to which they feel an ancestral or spiritual connection; and 17 18 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Independence Day is an important moment 19 in the history of Hawaii and knowledge of this historic day 20 should be perpetuated for future generations through the 21 Department of Education's curriculum; now, therefore, 22 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 24 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 25 26 Session of 2024, that the Department of Education is urged to require department schools statewide to provide lessons 27 28 regarding Hawaiian Independence Day, Lā Kū'oko'a; and 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Education. 32



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