
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING BUSINESSES IN HAWAII TO USE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO TEACH EMPLOYEES HAWAIIAN
AND HIRE PERMANENT HAWAII LANGUAGE TEACHERS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language, also known as ‘Ōlelo
2 Hawai‘i, holds cultural significance and is an integral part of
3 the rich heritage of the State of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, promoting and preserving the Hawaiian language
6 contributes to the preservation of the unique cultural identity
7 of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of fostering an
10 inclusive environment that embraces the cultural diversity of
11 Hawaii is essential for the well-being of the community; and

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13 WHEREAS, encouraging the use of Hawaiian language in
14 businesses is a positive step toward cultural enrichment and
15 linguistic diversity; and

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17 WHEREAS, creating opportunities for the permanent hiring of
18 Hawaiian language teachers supports language education in
19 initiatives and ensures the continuity of language learning
20 programs; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
24 that all businesses operating in the State are requested to
25 incorporate the use of Hawaiian language in their daily
26 operations, including but not limited to signage, communication
27 materials, and customer interactions; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
30 requested to allocate resources to establish a permanent
31 position for a Hawaiian language teacher who is available to
32 businesses in the State to ensure that employees have access to
33 language learning opportunities; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
2 Education, in collaboration with cultural organizations and
3 language experts, is requested to develop and implement
4 education programs to support businesses in using Hawaiian
5 language, including language training for employees; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of
9 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education and Director of
10 Labor and Industrial Relations.
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OFFERED BY: _____

