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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE KAWAIHUELANI CENTER FOR HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO FURTHER PROVIDE LEARNING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

1           WHEREAS, Article XV, section 4 of the State Constitution  
2 recognizes both Hawaiian and English as the official languages  
3 of Hawaii; and

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5           WHEREAS, the Department of Education supports Hawaiian  
6 language fluency through Kula Kaiapuni Hawaiian language  
7 immersion schools across the State; and

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9           WHEREAS, Kamehameha III established the first public  
10 education system in the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1840, making Olelo  
11 Hawaii the first and only language of instruction at the time;  
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14           WHEREAS, the Republic of Hawaii passed section 30 of Act 57  
15 in 1896, which made English the medium and basis of instruction  
16 for all public and private schools, effectively removing Olelo  
17 Hawaii from the classroom and the school system; and

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19           WHEREAS, children who spoke Olelo Hawaii in school were  
20 verbally and physically reprimanded and made to feel ashamed of  
21 their native tongue; and

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23           WHEREAS, a group of Hawaiian language educators established  
24 the Punana Leo Preschool in 1984 to provide an immersive  
25 experience for preschool-aged children and their families to  
26 learn Olelo Hawaii and adopt it as their primary means of  
27 communication; and

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29           WHEREAS, section 30 of Act 57 was repealed in 1986,  
30 allowing for the establishment of the first Kula Kaiapuni in  
31 1987; and



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2 WHEREAS, although the growing participation in Kaiapuni  
3 education has been unmatched, Kula Kaiapuni face struggles, such  
4 as teacher shortages, insufficient facilities, and limited  
5 support for curriculum development; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Kaiapuni students and their families encounter  
8 limited access to activities, materials, and learning  
9 opportunities that they can do together to promote use of Olelo  
10 Hawaii in the home; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language of  
13 the University of Hawaii at Manoa strives to revitalize Hawaiian  
14 language and culture through quality Hawaiian education by  
15 creating and providing faculty, materials, curricula, and  
16 resources that promote the use of Hawaiian; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language of  
19 the University of Hawaii at Manoa created and implemented the I  
20 Hoa na Moololelo Project in 2021 to publish a quarterly children's  
21 magazine written in the Hawaiian language, for the enjoyment of  
22 Kaiapuni and charter school students in grades 2-6 on Oahu; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value and  
25 importance of the practice and preservation of the Hawaiian  
26 language and culture; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2025, that the Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language of  
31 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, through its I Hoa na Moololelo  
32 Project, is encouraged to provide Kaiapuni students and families  
33 with Hawaiian language and literacy resources and to create  
34 opportunities for Olelo Hawaii to flourish in homes and  
35 communities; and  
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