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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A SHARED-  
DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO  
ESTABLISH A K-12 KAIAPUNI SCHOOL IN KAPOLEI.

1           WHEREAS, the State has a duty to ensure access to 'Ōlelo  
2 Hawai'i education pursuant to article X, section 4, of the  
3 Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, which requires the State to  
4 "promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language";  
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7           WHEREAS, the establishment of Kaiapuni schools, or Hawaiian  
8 language immersion schools, which educate in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, is  
9 one way the State is intentionally adhering to its  
10 constitutional obligations and fulfilling its commitment to  
11 preserving Hawaiian language for future generations; and

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13           WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board of Education is  
14 implementing a Kaiapuni Strategic Plan to grow Kaiapuni programs  
15 to meet demand and expand access across the State; and

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17           WHEREAS, there are only three Kaiapuni schools on O'ahu that  
18 serve students in grades kindergarten through twelve, Ke Kula  
19 Kaiapuni 'O Pū'ōhala and Ke Kula 'O Samuel M. Kamakau in Kāne'ōhe  
20 and Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuenue in Honolulu; and

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22           WHEREAS, Kapolei High School currently only offers Kaiapuni  
23 education for grade nine, and Kapolei Middle School only offers  
24 Kaiapuni education for grades seven and eight; and

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26           WHEREAS, many students in the 'Ewa land district and the  
27 surrounding land districts of Wai'anae and Waialua are forced to  
28 commute to Honolulu to pursue Kaiapuni education; and



1 WHEREAS, forty-two percent of Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuenuē  
2 students who travel to school come from the 'Ewa and Wai'anae  
3 areas; and  
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5 WHEREAS, this creates significant barriers for students in  
6 continuing Hawaiian language education and leaves many students  
7 who reside outside of Honolulu without a clear pathway to  
8 continue their Kaiapuni education cohesively and throughout high  
9 school; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the neighborhood boards of Pearl City,  
12 Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale, and 'Ewa have all adopted  
13 resolutions in support of establishing a K-12 self-contained  
14 Hawaiian immersion school in Kapolei; and  
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16 WHEREAS, a shared decision-making committee is a  
17 collaborative process where stakeholders collectively make  
18 decisions and facilitate planning; and  
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20 WHEREAS, establishing a shared decision-making committee  
21 comprised of Hawaiian immersion educators, community members,  
22 parents, and administrators will facilitate effective action  
23 planning and resource allocation as well as ensure the K-12  
24 Kaiapuni in Kapolei meets the unique needs of current and future  
25 students; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
30 is requested to convene a shared decision-making committee to  
31 develop an action plan to establish a K-12 Kaiapuni school in  
32 Kapolei; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the shared decision-making  
35 committee is requested to consist of eleven members, serving for  
36 two-year terms, as follows:  
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- 38 (1) The Superintendent of Education, or the  
39 Superintendent's designee;  
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- 1 (2) Principals from relevant middle schools and high  
2 schools, such as Kapolei Middle School and Kapolei  
3 High School, or their designees;  
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- 5 (3) Three current Kaiapuni teachers from schools such as:  
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7 (A) Kapolei Middle School;  
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9 (B) Kapolei High School; and  
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11 (C) A feeder elementary immersion school such as  
12 Waiiau Elementary School or Nānākuli Elementary  
13 School;  
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- 15 (4) The Dual Chancellor for Leeward Community College and  
16 the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu, or the  
17 Chancellor's designee;  
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- 19 (5) A professor or administrator from either Leeward  
20 Community College or the University of Hawai'i-West  
21 O'ahu with experience in education and teacher  
22 training; and  
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- 24 (6) Three community members as follows:  
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26 (A) Two members of relevant community-based, school-  
27 based, or cultural nonprofit organizations; and  
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29 (B) One parent of a current student of Ke Kula  
30 Kaiapuni 'O Kapolei; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action plan is requested to  
33 outline goals, objectives, and strategies necessary to achieve a  
34 new Kaiapuni K-12 school in Kapolei, including, but not limited  
35 to, the following:  
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- 37 (1) Facility planning and site selection;  
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39 (2) Kumu Kaiapuni recruitment and retention;  
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41 (3) Curriculum and instruction planning;  
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- 1 (4) Resource allocation policies;
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- 3 (5) Recommendations to the Department of Education to
- 4 standardize, streamline, and facilitate the
- 5 establishment or expansion of new or existing Kaiapuni
- 6 schools statewide; and
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- 8 (6) Any additional policies as determined by the shared
- 9 decision-making committee; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action plan is requested to  
12 include a process for phasing in Kaiapuni education by:

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- 14 (1) Securing a permanent site for a K-12 Kaiapuni school
- 15 in Kapolei to be used by kindergarten, first, and
- 16 second grades by the 2027-2028 school year;
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- 18 (2) Integrating grades three, four, five, and six by the
- 19 2028-2029 school year; and
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- 21 (3) Integrating middle school and high school students
- 22 once all other grades are phased in; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
25 requested to allocate four faculty positions and one  
26 administrative position to support Kaiapuni education in the  
27 2027-2028 school year and additional faculty and administrative  
28 positions in the following school years based on enrollment  
29 numbers of current and potential Kaiapuni students that live in  
30 the 'Ewa, Waialua, and Wai'anae land districts; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision-making committee  
33 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
36 the Regular Session of 2027; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
40 Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; Dual Chancellor  
41 for Leeward Community College and the University of Hawai'i-West  
42 O'ahu; and Campbell-Kapolei Complex Area Superintendent.



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