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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO WORK  
WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION TO CREATE AND CONVENE  
A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH A K-12 HAWAIIAN IMMERSION  
CAMPUS IN WEST O'AHU.

1           WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the  
2 State of Hawaii requires the State to "promote the study of  
3 Hawaiian culture, history and language", and imposes on the  
4 State a duty to "provide for a Hawaiian education program  
5 consisting of language, culture and history in the public  
6 schools"; and  
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8           WHEREAS, West O'ahu is home to one of the largest  
9 populations of Native Hawaiians in the State; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the 'Ewa district of O'ahu is experiencing a  
12 significant growth in its population, but it lacks a permanent  
13 Hawaiian language immersion school that serves students in  
14 grades kindergarten through twelve; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the vision of the 'Ewa Moku education movement is  
17 to establish a self-contained Kula Kaiapuni Hawaiian language  
18 immersion school in Kapolei that serves students in those  
19 grades; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the school would help meet the growing need and  
22 demand for Hawaiian language immersion education in the 'Ewa  
23 District and the neighboring moku of Wai'anae; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the State should fulfill its constitutional  
26 obligation to provide students with Hawaiian language education  
27 access; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session  
 3 of 2026, the Senate concurring, the Hawai'i State Department of  
 4 Education is encouraged to work with the Office of Hawaiian  
 5 Education to create and convene a working group to establish a  
 6 K-12 Hawaiian Immersion Campus in West O'ahu; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group shall adhere to  
 9 the following provisions:

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 11 (1) Convene immediately after the adoption of the  
 12 resolution;  
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 14 (2) Meet at least quarterly for one year to study and  
 15 develop a plan for the establishment of a K-12  
 16 Hawaiian language immersion campus in West O'ahu within  
 17 the Hono'uli'uli Ahupua'a;  
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 19 (3) Hold a final meeting to review and approve a draft set  
 20 of recommendations;  
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 22 (4) Submit a report to the Hawai'i State Legislature with  
 23 its findings and recommendations, including:  
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 25 (A) Potential locations or partnerships;  
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 27 (B) Estimated enrollment demand;  
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 29 (C) Governance structure;  
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 31 (D) Teacher workforce pipeline; and  
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 33 (E) Implementation timeline; and  
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 35 (5) Include a proposed roadmap for establishing the campus  
 36 by the year 2040; and

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 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group shall consist of  
 39 the following members:  
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- 1 (1) A representative from the Hawai'i State Department of  
2 Education, selected from within the Office of Hawaiian  
3 Education;
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- 5 (2) An administrative representative from Ka Papahana  
6 Kaiapuni Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language Immersion Program);  
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- 8 (3) A teacher representative from Ka Papahana Kaiapuni  
9 Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language Immersion Program);  
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- 11 (4) A representative from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
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- 13 (5) A representative from the Hawai'i Public Charter School  
14 Commission;  
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- 16 (6) A board member representative from the 'Aha Kauleo;  
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- 18 (7) A representative from the University of Hawai'i system,  
19 selected from Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of  
20 Hawaiian Language or the Kawaihuelani Center for  
21 Hawaiian Language;  
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- 23 (8) A representative from the University of Hawai'i  
24 Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program;  
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- 26 (9) A representative from the University of Hawai'i West  
27 O'ahu Hawaiian language program;  
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- 29 (10) A representative from the University of Hawai'i College  
30 of Education;  
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- 32 (11) A representative of a Native Hawaiian community  
33 organization serving West O'ahu;  
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- 35 (12) A parent representative of a student(s) currently  
36 enrolled in a Hawaiian language immersion program;  
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- 38 (13) A community representative from West O'ahu (Kapolei,  
39 'Ewa, or Wai'anae region);  
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- 41 (14) A member of the Hawai'i House of Representatives; and



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(15) A member of the Hawai'i State Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:

  
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