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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND THE HAWAIIAN  
IMMERSION PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, Ka Papahana Kaiapuni immersion schools provide  
2 kindergarten through twelfth grade Hawaiian language education  
3 to develop the Kaiapuni lens connecting future generations with  
4 Hawaiian ways of knowing and being; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Department of Education has experienced  
7 significant growth in the demand for Hawaiian language immersion  
8 education offered in Ka Papahana Kaiapuni schools; and  
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10          WHEREAS, enrollment for Ka Papahana Kaiapuni schools has  
11 grown by approximately one thousand four hundred students over  
12 the past decade; and  
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14          WHEREAS, resources dedicated to supporting Ka Papahana  
15 Kaiapuni education programming have consistently declined despite  
16 the growing demand; and  
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18          WHEREAS, a longstanding issue that continues to impede the  
19 success and growth of Hawaiian immersion schools is the shortage  
20 of qualified teachers; now, therefore,  
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22          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
24 of 2026, that the Department of Education is encouraged to work  
25 with the Office of Hawaiian Education to expand Kaiapuni  
26 immersion in Department of Education schools and create pathways  
27 for teachers based on funding availability; and  
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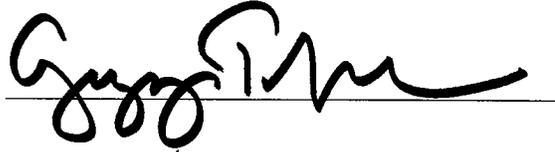
29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
30 encouraged to work with the Office of Hawaiian Education to give  
31 consideration for kindergarten through twelfth grade level  
32 instruction in a continuum of complex districts based on data  
33 analysis of needs; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
3 Education and Superintendent of Education.  
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