
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII‘I 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 Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2026, the Hawai'i State Department of Education is encouraged
4 to work with the Office of Hawaiian Education to create and
5 convene a working group to establish a K-12 Hawaiian Immersion
6 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:



- 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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1 (14) A member of the Hawai'i House of Representatives; and

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

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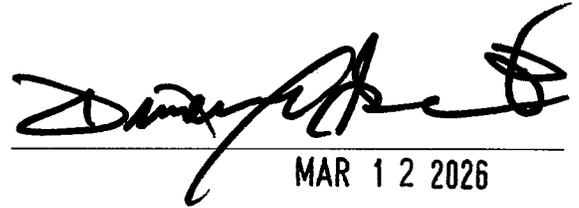
5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Education and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:



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