

**HR-9**

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Comments:

Aloha, my name is Malia Marquez and I am a lifelong resident of Maunalua, the Eastside of O'ahu. As a former Hawaiian Studies kumu with the DOE's Kupuna Program I strongly support HR 9. Every child living IN Hawai'i should be educated about our culture. It should definitely be incorporated as a core subject in ALL public high schools. We are a living, breathing people. Hawai'i is unique. It's LONG overdue to educate our kids on Hawaiian language (which is also an official language of our state), our culture and our history in depth. I urge you to support HR 9. Mahalo for your time on this important matter.