A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart B, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§302A- Hawaiian language teaching; elementary schools.

(a) Each elementary school shall include the teaching of Hawaiian language in its curriculum.

(b) The department shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session on the status of complying with subsection (a). Reports shall include:

(1) The number of elementary schools currently teaching Hawaiian language and the number of students receiving Hawaiian language instruction;

(2) A schedule to implement the teaching of Hawaiian language at all public elementary schools;

(3) A summary of the Hawaiian language instruction curriculum provided to students;
(4) The level of Hawaiian language proficiency students have obtained as a result of the required Hawaiian language instruction;

(5) Timely submitted commentary from the office of Hawaiian affairs or the University of Hawaii at Manoa regarding the curriculum and success of teaching Hawaiian language at elementary schools, if any;

(6) Requested funding, if any; and

(7) Recommendations and proposed legislation, if any."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall apply commencing the 2020-2021 public school year.

INTRODUCED BY: 

[Signatures]

JAN 23 2019
Report Title:
Hawaiian Language; DOE; Elementary School

Description:
Requires the Department of Education to teach Hawaiian language to students in each public elementary school.

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