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Testimony:

Aloha committee members of the Committe on Innovation, Technology, and Entertainment,

I am testifying in support of RES25-037.

I kēia mau lā, ua ola nō ka ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi i loko o kekahi o nā kula, ma kekahi hui mālama ʻāina, a i loko o kekahi o nā kaiaulu, a he mau kūpuna i koe e ʻōlelo mau ana i ka ʻōlelo makuahine o lākou. Ua nani ia. He waiwai maoli nō ka ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi, i hoʻokuʻu ʻia ka noʻonoʻo Hawaiʻi. Na nā kūpuna o Hawaiʻi i noiʻi a maopopo leʻa nō ke ala kupono e mālama ai ka honua a me nā kānaka. Ma laila nō paha ka pahuhopu, ke ola hoʻi i ola ai kākou poʻe Hawaiʻi, a e ola ai nō hoʻi ka honua nei. A ma loko nō o ka ʻōlelo hawaiʻi he meheu, he ala hoʻi, no kākou e hele ai. ʻO ka hana nui i kēia manawa, ʻoia ke aʻo ʻana i ka ʻōlelo a nā kūpuna. A ma o kēia ʻōlelo hoʻoholo e hoʻomau ai ke kākoʻo i ka hahai ʻana o nā pua o kēia ao nei i ia meheu lā i loko o ka ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi.

No laila, mahalo no ke kākau ʻana i kēia ʻōlelo hoʻoholo a manaʻolana e ʻapono ʻia.

Keoni Shizuma, no Kāneʻohe, Oʻahu.

These days, the Hawaiian language exists and lives on in schools, in organizations that care for our environment, in certain communities, and there are some kupuna that are left that speak their mother tongue. How beautiful it is that this is where we are at.

Hawaiian language is a great resource that holds and passes down knowledge of our kupuna, the ones who spent generations researching and developing a deep understanding of their environment, knowing and living in a way that truly cared for both the planet and people. Within this knowledge that is held within the Hawaiian language, there is a way of thinking that we can learn and follow, that will help save our environment from the destruction we have done today. The hardest part right now is the continued learning of Hawaiian language. Through the passing of this resolution, the support for our children and those alive today will continue, to follow the teachings of our ancestors that are captured within the Hawaiian language.

Thank you to the introducer of this resolution, and I am hopeful that it will be passed.

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Testimony:

Aloha, this is long overdue and would permanently affirm that ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi is the official language of Hawaiʻi. Mahalo.