
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN
HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that student exchange
2 programs offer students an opportunity to experience first-hand
3 the cultures of other countries of the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, student foreign exchange programs foster and
6 sustain multi-cultural interaction and peaceful relationships;
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9 WHEREAS, the success of Hawaii's fifteen-year-long student
10 exchange program with Japan's Okinawa prefecture is one example
11 of the benefits of these types of programs; and
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13 WHEREAS, implementing a similar student and faculty
14 exchange program between Hawaii and its sister provinces in the
15 Republic of the Philippines would establish a strong and dynamic
16 connection between Hawaii and those provinces; and
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18 WHEREAS, officials in the Republic of the Philippines have
19 expressed a strong interest in developing such a student
20 exchange program; and
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22 WHEREAS, the establishment of such a program at this time
23 would be particularly appropriate as this year marks the
24 Filipino Centennial Celebration, the one-hundredth anniversary
25 of the arrival of Filipinos to Hawaii that honors the
26 achievements and contributions Filipinos have made since their
27 arrival in the islands; and
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the Philippines have a long history of
30 close relations and connections, and a student and faculty
31 exchange program between Hawaii and the Philippines would
32 strengthen an already close cultural, social, and economic
33 relationship; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
 4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 5 Education, in consultation with the Hawaii Association of
 6 Independent Schools and the University of Hawaii, shall develop
 7 a student and faculty exchange program with Hawaii's sister
 8 provinces in the Republic of the Philippines; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
 11 shall also consult with various Filipino community organizations
 12 in Hawaii regarding the planning and implementation of the
 13 exchange program; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exchange program shall be
 16 implemented by the commencement of the 2008-2009 academic year;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
 20 shall submit an interim report to the Legislature of its
 21 findings and recommendations regarding the creation,
 22 implementation, and maintenance of a student and faculty
 23 exchange program between Hawaii and the Republic of the
 24 Philippines no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 25 the Regular Session of 2007 and a final report no later than
 26 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 27 2008; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
 31 Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the
 32 President of the University of Hawaii, and the President of the
 33 Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.
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