
SENATE 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 3 that the Department of Education, in consultation with the
 4 Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and the University of
 5 Hawaii, shall develop a student and faculty exchange program
 6 with Hawaii's sister provinces in the Republic of the
 7 Philippines; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
 10 shall also consult with various Filipino community organizations
 11 in Hawaii regarding the planning and implementation of the
 12 exchange program; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exchange program shall be
 15 implemented by the commencement of the 2008-2009 academic year;
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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
 19 shall submit an interim report to the Legislature of its
 20 findings and recommendations regarding the creation,
 21 implementation, and maintenance of a student and faculty
 22 exchange program between Hawaii and the Republic of the
 23 Philippines no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 24 the Regular Session of 2007 and a final report no later than
 25 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 26 2008; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
 30 the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the President of the
 31 University of Hawaii, and the President of the Hawaii
 32 Association of Independent Schools.

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