
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SECOND
CENTURY PROMISE TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature commends the University of Hawaii
2 on its first centennial, remembering the University from its
3 humble beginnings in 1907 in a small house on Young Street as
4 the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and acknowledging
5 its status today, one hundred years later, as a world-renowned
6 and well respected university system comprised of ten campuses
7 that offer more than six hundred twenty certificates and
8 degrees; and
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10 WHEREAS, over the past few decades the Legislature has
11 granted the University increased administrative and financial
12 flexibility to respond more effectively to program needs,
13 changing situations, and entrepreneurial opportunities, and
14 thereby be able to provide higher education of superior quality;
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been grappling with the
18 relationship between the taxpayer, the University of Hawaii, and
19 the student for quite some time, having even mandated in 1995 a
20 general fund appropriation based on tuition revenues estimated
21 for that fiscal year in question; and
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23 WHEREAS, the University suffered great budget cuts during
24 the downturn in the economy during the late 1990s; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature will remain uncertain as to how
27 the University of Hawaii will respond in the future to
28 significant downturns in the economy absent a solid and bold
29 relationship with the taxpayers of this State; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2007, that the President of the Senate and the
34 Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to form a
35 University of Hawaii Second Century Promise Task Force to



1 develop a funding formula for state funds to the University of
2 Hawaii system; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and
5 the Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to
6 appoint the chairs of the House Committee on Higher Education
7 and the Senate Committee on Education to chair the task force
8 and to have the task force comprised of members that represent
9 the University of Hawaii, the Governor, the National Center for
10 Higher Education Management Systems, the Western Interstate
11 Commission on Higher Education, Enterprise Honolulu, and the
12 Hawaii Business Roundtable; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing an appropriate
15 funding formula, the task force is requested to examine:

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17 (1) The relationship between the State, the University of
18 Hawaii, and the student;
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20 (2) The use of outcomes and benchmarks in funding, such as
21 graduation rates, job placements, or responses of the
22 University to worker shortages;
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24 (3) Prioritizing outcomes and benchmarks in a formula; and
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26 (4) Examples from other states, if relevant, including
27 Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Virginia, Louisiana,
28 Texas, and Oregon; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
31 submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including
32 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
33 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
34 2008; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the
38 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairs of the House



1 Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Committee on
2 Education, the Governor, and the President and Chairperson of
3 the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
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