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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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 with increased administrative and  
12 financial flexibility to respond more effectively to program  
13 needs, changing situations, and entrepreneurial opportunities,  
14 and thereby be able to provide higher education of superior  
15 quality; and  
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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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the



1 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are  
2 requested to form a University of Hawaii Second Century Promise  
3 Task Force to develop a funding formula for state funds to the  
4 University of Hawaii system; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and  
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to  
8 appoint the chairs of the House Committee on Higher Education  
9 and the Senate Committee on Education to chair the task force  
10 and to have the task force composed of members that represent  
11 the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii Educational Policy Center,  
12 Enterprise Honolulu, and the 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:  
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- 17 (1) Examine the relationship between the State, the  
18 University of Hawaii, and the student;  
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- 20 (2) Examine the use of outcomes and benchmarks in funding,  
21 such as graduation rates, job placements, or responses  
22 of the University to worker shortages;  
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- 24 (3) Develop a method by which to prioritize outcomes and  
25 benchmarks in the formula;  
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- 27 (4) Examine examples from other states, if relevant,  
28 including Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Virginia,  
29 Louisiana, Texas, and Oregon; and  
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- 31 (5) Obtain input and perspectives of the National Center  
32 for Higher Education Management Systems and the  
33 Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
36 submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including  
37 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than  
38 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
39 2008; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
43 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairs  
44 of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate



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

