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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLAND STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO
IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies within the
2 School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University
3 of Hawaii at Manoa is the only congressionally-recognized
4 national resource center for the study of the Pacific Islands;
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7 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies, with its
8 forty-two core and affiliate faculty members, possesses
9 unparalleled expertise in the field of Pacific Island studies;
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12 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies serves the
13 Pacific region and its people through its commitment to the
14 dynamic, active, and constructive exchange of knowledge on the
15 Pacific Islands; and

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17 WHEREAS, it functions as both an academic department and a
18 larger base for initiatives that bring together people and
19 resources to promote an understanding of the Pacific Islands and
20 issues of concern to Pacific Islanders, including the Pacific
21 Islanders currently residing within Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, according to a Census 2000 Brief, the Pacific
24 Islander population is 283,000 in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, three of Hawaii's five counties were more than
27 twenty-five per cent Pacific Islander, with the remaining two
28 counties between twenty and twenty-five per cent; and

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30 WHEREAS, there is a need to identify and address the needs
31 of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies would be the
3 appropriate choice to convene and lead a task force to identify
4 and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; now,
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Center for Pacific
10 Island Studies is requested to convene and lead a task force to
11 identify and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
15 submit a report, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the 2008 Regular Session; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School
21 of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University of
22 Hawaii at Manoa.

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25 OFFERED BY: Shizanne Chun Oahland

