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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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, there is a need to identify and address the needs  
24 of Pacific Islanders, including those from Micronesia, in  
25 Hawaii; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies would be the  
28 appropriate choice to convene and lead a task force to identify  
29 and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; now,  
30 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Center for Pacific  
4 Island Studies is requested to convene and lead a task force to  
5 identify and address the needs of Pacific Islanders, including  
6 those from Micronesia, in Hawaii; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
9 submit a report, including any proposed legislation, to the  
10 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
11 the 2008 Regular Session; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School  
15 of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University of  
16 Hawaii at Manoa.

