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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE P-20 COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO  
REPORT ON EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY  
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii P-20 Council, sponsored by the  
2 University of Hawaii, the Department of Education, and Good  
3 Beginnings Alliance, brings together public and private  
4 educators at all levels, working in collaboration with  
5 representatives from state government, the business community,  
6 labor, and educational support agencies to focus on implementing  
7 learner achievement in Hawaii; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the "P" in the P-20 Council refers to provisions  
10 for early learning, not only in preschools, but in any setting,  
11 and the "20" refers to the years of schooling thereafter –  
12 beyond a college degree and even beyond graduate school; and  
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14 WHEREAS, P-20 is the code for lifelong learning; and  
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16 WHEREAS, early awareness of college opportunities for  
17 elementary and middle school students, e.g. college campus  
18 visits; school visits of university students, faculty, staff,  
19 and alumni; weekend and summer projects; online interactions  
20 with information on the benefits of college degrees; academic  
21 entrance requirements; and financial aid and other related  
22 topics, will help increase the number and success of college  
23 students, particularly those from low-income communities; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, Manoa, West Oahu, and  
26 Hilo campuses, and the community colleges have early college  
27 awareness programs such as GEAR UP Hawaii, Na Pua No'eau, Talent  
28 Search, and SEED projects to help young children, their  
29 families, and teachers prepare for and apply to college  
30 programs; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at  
2 Manoa will be establishing a campus wide task force chaired by  
3 the Vice Chancellor for Students on Manoa pre-college awareness  
4 programs, particularly programs with the Department of Education  
5 middle and elementary school students; now, 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 University of  
10 Hawaii is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no  
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
12 Session of 2008 on the Manoa Chancellor's task force on early  
13 college awareness programs, that includes recommendations to  
14 improve and expand early college awareness programs for middle  
15 and elementary school students; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Council is  
18 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
19 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
20 2008 on its efforts and recommendations to improve and expand  
21 early college awareness programs for middle and elementary  
22 school students; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
26 University of Hawaii, the Chancellors of the University of  
27 Hawaii campuses, the Superintendent of Education, and the  
28 Executive Director of Good Beginnings Alliance.  
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