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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A COMPARISON STUDY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF SIMILAR
STATE UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents
2 (BOR) manages and controls the general affairs, and has
3 exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management,
4 and operation of UH, and also serves as the State Board for
5 Career and Technical Education; and
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7 WHEREAS, as part of its powers and as prescribed by
8 sections 304A-105 and 304A-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
9 BOR:
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- 11 (1) May purchase or otherwise acquire lands, buildings,
12 appliances, and other property for the purposes of UH,
13 and may expend available funds;
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- 15 (2) Shall manage the inventory, equipment, surplus
16 property, and expenditures of UH, and may adopt rules
17 to do so;
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- 19 (3) Shall develop internal policies and procedures for the
20 procurement of goods, services, and construction;
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- 22 (4) May enter into concession agreements; and
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- 24 (5) May receive, manage, and invest moneys or other
25 property that may be given, bequeathed, devised, or
26 otherwise received from sources other than the
27 Legislature or any federal appropriation for the
28 purpose of UH, its improvement or adornment, or the
29 aid or advantage of students or faculty, and in
30 general act as trustee on behalf of UH for these
31 purposes or objects;



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3 WHEREAS, currently, the BOR is composed of twelve members,
4 including a student member, who are appointed by the Governor
5 and generally serve four-year terms or until their successors
6 have been appointed and have qualified;

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8 WHEREAS, members of the BOR serve without pay but are
9 entitled to expenses for their travel within the state when
10 attending meetings or engaging in business related to the work
11 of the BOR; and

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13 WHEREAS, other state universities across the nation also
14 have boards of regents that govern the affairs of their
15 respective institutions and carry out their specific duties
16 according to their own sets of rules and procedures to achieve
17 their defined missions; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is wise to take a step back from time to time
20 and evaluate one's organization as part of a larger scheme and
21 in comparison with similar organizations, so that one may gain
22 an awareness of ways in which their own organization can be
23 improved, especially when the organization is constantly under
24 scrutiny by the public eye; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
28 that the University of Hawaii is requested to perform a
29 comparison study of the Board of Regents of the University of
30 Hawaii and the boards of regents of similar state universities
31 across the nation; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include the following
34 information relating to boards of regents:

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36 (1) Powers and responsibilities;
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38 (2) Frequency of board meetings;
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40 (3) The appointment process of the members;



1 (4) The number of members;

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3 (5) The number of members who are from out-of-state; and

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5 (6) Compensation for members;

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to submit a
10 report of its findings and any recommendations to the
11 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
12 Regular Session of 2008; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University
16 of Hawaii Board of Regents and President of the University of
17 Hawaii.

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20 OFFERED BY:

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