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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF  
REGENTS TO REMOVE ENROLLMENT CAP RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT  
APPLICANTS FROM NATIONS THAT ENTERED INTO A COMPACT OF FREE  
ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

1           WHEREAS, campus ceilings for nonresident enrollments are  
2 currently 30 percent at the baccalaureate campuses and 15  
3 percent at the community colleges of the University of Hawaii  
4 (UH); and  
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6           WHEREAS, ceilings on nonresident enrollments may not  
7 acknowledge the diversity and flexibility of individual campuses  
8 within the UH system; and  
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10           WHEREAS, as an institution of higher education, UH is  
11 largely responsible for the educational and social development  
12 of students, which can be achieved best through interaction in  
13 an environment that fosters diversity; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Congress in passing the  
16 The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007 (H.R.  
17 1469 and S. 991), has gained strong bipartisan support in  
18 Congress and has been endorsed by more than 35 higher education  
19 and educational exchange organizations, reflecting the  
20 increasing, global nature of our world and society; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in reciprocation of attempts to increase study-  
23 abroad opportunities for U.S. citizens, it would be fitting to  
24 enable similar opportunities for foreign and international  
25 students; and  
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27           WHEREAS, many small states that are dependent on tourism  
28 routinely attract nonresidents consisting of more than 50  
29 percent of the student body, such as the University of Vermont  
30 and University of New Hampshire, where nonresident students



1 account for 65 percent of the student body, and more than half  
2 of the entering class, respectively; and

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4 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism," nonresident  
5 students contribute to the revenue of universities through  
6 tuition, fees, and room and board charges, as demonstrated by  
7 the considerable increase in nonresident tuition payments at UH  
8 since 2005; and

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10 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make possible a  
11 wider range of programs to resident students; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association (COFA), an  
14 agreement between the United States and the Freely Associated  
15 States, provides for mutually beneficial rights and obligations,  
16 including the right to travel to, and work and reside in the  
17 U.S. without durational limit; and

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19 WHEREAS, a significant number of COFA citizens travel to  
20 and reside in the State of Hawaii, and these citizens should be  
21 afforded the opportunity to attend institutions of higher  
22 learning in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the UH Board of  
27 Regents is respectfully requested to remove enrollment cap  
28 restrictions on student applicants from COFA nations; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH Board of Regents is  
31 respectfully requested to report to the Legislature no later  
32 than 21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
33 2009 on the status of this request, including any necessary  
34 proposed legislation; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
38 United States, U.S. Secretary of State, Governor of the State of  
39 Hawaii, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Chairperson of the UH  
40 Board of Regents, Chancellors of each of the UH's campuses and  
41 community colleges, and Superintendent of the Education.

