
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO STUDY
THE FEASIBILITY AND BENEFITS OF ALLOWING THE CAMPUS CEILING
FOR NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENTS TO BE SET ON A CAMPUS-BY-CAMPUS
BASIS, OR ALTERNATIVELY, OF LIFTING THE CEILINGS.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii (UH) is a public
2 university system, the primary goal of which is to serve Hawaii
3 residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, campus ceilings for nonresident enrollments are
6 currently 30 percent at the baccalaureate campuses and 15
7 percent at the community colleges of UH; and
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9 WHEREAS, ceilings on nonresident enrollments may not
10 acknowledge the diversity and flexibility of individual campuses
11 within the UH system; and
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13 WHEREAS, many small states that are dependent on tourism
14 routinely attract student bodies that are more than 50 percent
15 nonresident, such as at the University of Vermont and University
16 of New Hampshire, where nonresident students account for 65
17 percent of the student body, and more than half of the entering
18 class, respectively; and
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20 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism," non-resident
21 students contribute to the revenues of universities through
22 tuition set at higher rates, fees, and room and board charges,
23 as demonstrated by the considerable increase in nonresident
24 tuition payments at UH since 2005; and
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26 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make possible a
27 wider range of programs to resident students, and allow for more
28 flexibility during economic downturns and demographic
29 fluctuations; and



1 WHEREAS, as an institution of higher education, UH is
 2 instrumental in workforce development, and should foster
 3 understanding of different peoples and cultures in an
 4 increasingly global society and workplace; and
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6 WHEREAS, after graduation, many nonresident students enter
 7 the local workforce and volunteer in community service projects;
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10 WHEREAS, enrollment management within the UH system may be
 11 most effective if decided by the individual campuses, especially
 12 as each campus already includes enrollment growth in its
 13 planning strategy; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 17 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of
 18 Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to study the feasibility
 19 and benefits of allowing the campus ceiling for nonresident
 20 enrollments to be set on a campus-by-campus basis, or
 21 alternatively, of lifting the ceilings; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 25 Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, and
 26 chancellors of each of the University of Hawaii's campuses and
 27 community colleges.
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