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# 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; and  
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15 WHEREAS, good public policy in this matter must take into  
16 account a number of factors such as:  
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- 18 • Campus mission;
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- 20 • Access of Hawaii residents;
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- 22 • Cost to the State of educating non residents;
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- 24 • Expenditures for recruiting and retaining non resident  
25 students;
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- 27 • Financial aid sources available for non residents;
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- 29 • Availability of housing and related costs to the State;
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- 31 • Retention and graduation rates of non resident  
32 students; and  
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- 34 • Balancing the value of having non resident students in  
35 our UH system with the need to ensure access and  
36 opportunity to higher education for students who reside  
37 in remote parts of the State or who are considered at  
38 risk; now, therefore,  
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
42 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
43 Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to study the feasibility  
44 and benefits of allowing the campus ceiling for nonresident



1 enrollments to be set on a campus-by-campus basis, or  
2 alternatively, of lifting the ceilings; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
6 Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, and  
7 chancellors of each of the University of Hawaii's campuses and  
8 community colleges.

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