
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PLACE NO NON-RESIDENT ENROLLMENT CAP RESTRICTIONS ON GRADUATE APPLICANTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT.

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 in a
11 large part responsible for the educational and social
12 development of students, which can be achieved best through
13 interaction in an environment that fosters diversity; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States Congress in passing the The
16 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, due to our attempts to increase study abroad
23 opportunities for our own citizens, as an act of good faith, it
24 would be fitting to enable similar opportunities for foreign and
25 international students; and

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27 WHEREAS, many small states that are dependent on tourism
28 routinely attract student bodies that are more than 50 percent
29 nonresident, such as the University of Vermont and University of
30 New Hampshire, where nonresident students account for 65 percent
31 of the student body, and more than half of the entering class,
32 respectively; and

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1 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism," non-resident
 2 students contribute to the revenue of universities through
 3 tuition, fees, and room and board charges, as demonstrated by
 4 the considerable increase in nonresident tuition payments at UH
 5 since 2005; and

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 7 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make possible a
 8 wider range of programs to resident students; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 12 Session of 2008, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents
 13 is respectfully requested to place no non-resident enrollment
 14 cap restrictions on graduate applicants for the purposes of
 15 increasing international enrollment; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the
 18 University of Hawaii is respectfully requested to report to the
 19 legislature not later than 21 days prior to the convening of the
 20 2009 Regular Session on the status of these requests, and any
 21 proposed legislation, if applicable; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to:
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- 26 (1) The President of the United States of America;
- 27 (2) The Secretary of the US Department of State;
- 28 (3) The Governor of the State of Hawaii;
- 29 (4) Hawaii's Congressional Delegation;
- 30 (5) The Chairperson of the UH Board of Regents;
- 31 (6) The Chancellors of each of the UH's campuses and
 32 community colleges; and
- 33 (7) The Superintendent of the State Department of
 34 Education.

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