
HOUSE 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

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31 WHEREAS, as an institution of higher education, UH is
32 instrumental in workforce development, and should foster



1 understanding of different peoples and cultures in an
2 increasingly global society and workplace; and

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4 WHEREAS, after graduation, many nonresident students enter
5 the local workforce and volunteer in community service projects;
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8 WHEREAS, enrollment management within the UH system may be
9 most effective if decided by the individual campuses, especially
10 as each campus already includes enrollment growth in its
11 planning strategy; and

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13 WHEREAS, good public policy in this matter must take into
14 account a number of factors such as:

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- 16 • Campus mission;
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- 18 • Access of Hawaii residents;
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- 20 • Cost to the State of educating non residents;
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- 22 • Expenditures for recruiting and retaining non resident
- 23 students;
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- 25 • Financial aid sources available for non residents;
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- 27 • Availability of housing and related costs to the State;
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- 29 • Retention and graduation rates of non resident
- 30 students; and
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- 32 • Balancing the value of having non resident students in
- 33 our UH system with the need to ensure access and
- 34 opportunity to higher education for students who reside
- 35 in remote parts of the State or who are considered at
- 36 risk; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
40 Session of 2008, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents
41 is requested to study the feasibility and benefits of allowing
42 the campus ceiling for nonresident enrollments to be set on a
43 campus-by-campus basis, or alternatively, of lifting the
44 ceilings; and

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

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