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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY OF DEVELOPING A DEGREE GRANTING PROGRAM
AND CENTER FOR PEACE EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the current paradigm in peace education continues
2 to encompass the definitions of peace as 'negative peace' and
3 'positive peace', but goes beyond these definitions to embrace a
4 comprehensive peace education that builds towards cultures of
5 peace; and

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7 WHEREAS, peace education includes holistic, transformative,
8 social, and integrative learning approaches to education that
9 infuse current topics, such as economic and ecological
10 sustainability, social justice, gender equality, globalization,
11 indigenous and multicultural studies, and global technologies
12 and communication, into the core curriculum for P-20; and

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14 WHEREAS, peace education is concerned with addressing
15 direct and structural violence through the transformation of
16 pedagogy, curriculum, and policy related to education in both
17 formal and non-formal contexts; and

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19 WHEREAS, peace education promotes the values of tolerance
20 and acceptance of all cultures, compassion and understanding of
21 multiple perspectives, mutual respect, honoring differences,
22 communication through non-violent strategies in resolving
23 conflicts and building consensus in human relations, and global
24 citizenship; and

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26 WHEREAS, peace education develops educational skills in
27 critical thinking, taking the perspective of others, empathy,
28 interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving, intercultural
29 understanding, local and global perspective-taking, mediation,



1 reconciliation practices, and keeping abreast of current
2 knowledge of international and global affairs; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Education regards peace
5 education as inherent in programs such as conflict resolution,
6 peer mediation, character education, anti-bullying workshops,
7 leadership, and community service, yet does not consistently
8 fund or implement such programs in every public school; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to be
11 proactive in ensuring that Hawaii teachers are trained and
12 educated in the current knowledge of, and holistic integrative
13 teaching practices in, peace education so that teachers may
14 prepare their students to effectively meet the changing demands
15 in political affairs, ecological and geographical conditions,
16 economic trends, career qualifications, and intercultural
17 relations, both locally and globally; and

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19 WHEREAS, there is no comprehensive peace education program
20 available for teacher professional education and training
21 available in Hawaii to fully support this need; and

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23 WHEREAS, teacher education in Hawaii is an excellent venue
24 for exploring peace-keeping and peace-building options, because
25 Hawaii is a gateway to Pacific and Asian countries and
26 contributes a unique Hawaiian perspective in values of peace and
27 acceptance, unconditional personal regard, harmony, balance,
28 patience, respect, pleasantness, and humility, all as expressed
29 through such Hawaiian concepts as mahalo, aloha, lokahi, pono,
30 ahonui, akahai, 'olu'olu, 'ihi, and ha'aha'a; and

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32 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of
33 Education has interested and well qualified faculty across its
34 several departments of curriculum studies, educational
35 foundations, counseling education, and educational
36 administration to form a peace education center that offers
37 undergraduate and graduate degree granting programs for the
38 education and training of teachers, school counselors, and
39 principals; now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
42 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
43 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of



1 Hawaii at Manoa College of Education is requested to form a
2 working committee to conduct a feasibility study on establishing
3 within the college a degree granting program and a center for
4 peace education; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
7 to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature not
8 later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular
9 Session of 2009; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the
13 University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education, the
14 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the President
15 of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of
16 Regents of the University of Hawaii.
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