
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO DEVELOP
PLANS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS TO
STUDY ABROAD.

1 WHEREAS, a National Geographic global literacy survey found
2 that 87 percent of students in the United States between the
3 ages of 18 and 24 cannot locate Iraq on a world map, 83 percent
4 cannot find Afghanistan, 58 percent cannot find Japan, and 11
5 percent cannot even find the United States; and
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7 WHEREAS, according to the Coalition for International
8 Education, institutions of higher education in the United States
9 are struggling to graduate enough students with the language
10 skills and cultural competence necessary to meet the current
11 demands of business, government, and educational institutions;
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14 WHEREAS, through the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
15 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), the United States Congress recognized that
16 the security, stability, and economic vitality of the nation in
17 an increasingly complex global age depends largely upon having a
18 globally competent citizenry and the availability of experts who
19 specialize in world regions and foreign languages; and
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21 WHEREAS, with today's increasingly complex trade relations,
22 concern for the preservation of our global environment, and the
23 constant goal of world peace, international education becomes
24 increasingly important to our national security, foreign policy,
25 economic competitiveness, and capacity for tolerance; and
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27 WHEREAS, educating students through study abroad programs
28 is an important way to share the values of Hawaii and the United
29 States, to create goodwill for Hawaii and the United States
30 around the world, and to work toward a peaceful global society;
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1 WHEREAS, study abroad programs help students from Hawaii to
2 be more informed about the world and to develop the cultural
3 awareness necessary to avoid offending individuals from other
4 countries; and

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6 WHEREAS, study abroad programs not only open doors to
7 foreign language learning, but also empower students to better
8 understand themselves and others through a comparison of
9 cultural values and ways of life; and

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11 WHEREAS, because tourism and foreign trade are key sectors
12 of Hawaii's economic future, it is vital that this state promote
13 mutual understanding between the people of Hawaii and citizens
14 of other countries through international education programs; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii's educational institutions must continue to
17 increase opportunities for local students to acquire the
18 linguistic and intercultural skills needed to interact
19 effectively within the changing multicultural context of the
20 state; and

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22 WHEREAS, ensuring that the citizens of Hawaii are globally
23 literate is the responsibility of Hawaii's educational system;
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26 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii-Manoa (UH-Manoa) provides
27 16 study abroad programs in 14 different countries; and

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29 WHEREAS, UH-Manoa provides scholarships for students who
30 are United States citizens or resident aliens who achieve at
31 least a 3.0 grade point average, but does not set aside
32 scholarship moneys specifically for Hawaii residents to travel
33 abroad; and

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35 WHEREAS, for a Hawaii resident, the cost of tuition for a
36 semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between
37 \$4,000 and \$10,000 more expensive, depending on the program,
38 than the cost of full-time resident tuition at UH-Manoa; and



1 WHEREAS, for a nonresident, the cost of tuition for a
2 semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between
3 \$500 less expensive to \$5,000 more expensive, depending on the
4 program, than the cost of full-time nonresident tuition at UH-
5 Manoa; and

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7 WHEREAS, only 464 students were able to travel abroad
8 during the 2007 calendar year through the Study Abroad Center at
9 UH-Manoa; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
14 Board of Regents is requested to develop plans for a scholarship
15 program for Hawaii residents to study abroad; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
19 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the
20 University of Hawaii, and the Director of the Study Abroad
21 Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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