
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS LIFT
THE CEILINGS ON NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENT OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, CREATE SEPARATE NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENT
CEILINGS FOR MAINLAND AND FOREIGN STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii (UH) is a public
2 university system that strives to serve Hawaii residents as its
3 primary goal; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the 2008 fall semester, mainland students
6 accounted for 9% and foreign students accounted for 5% of UH
7 enrollment; and
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9 WHEREAS, in setting the nonresident enrollment ceilings,
10 the Hawaii Board of Regents currently does not differentiate
11 between foreign and mainland students but instead considers them
12 as a single category of nonresident students; and
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14 WHEREAS, creating separate nonresident enrollment ceilings
15 for mainland students and foreign students would lead to greater
16 clarification; and
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18 WHEREAS campus ceilings for nonresident student enrollment
19 are currently 30 percent at the baccalaureate campuses and 15
20 percent at the community colleges of UH; and
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22 WHEREAS, many nonresident students volunteer to participate
23 in community service projects and, after graduation, enter the
24 State's professional workforce; and
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26 WHEREAS, many small states that are dependent on tourism
27 routinely attract student bodies that are more than 50 percent
28 nonresident, such as at the University of Vermont and University
29 of New Hampshire, where nonresident students account for 65



1 percent of the student body, and more than half of the entering
2 class, respectively; and

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4 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism," non-resident
5 students contribute to the revenues of universities through
6 fees, room and board charges, and tuition being set at higher
7 rates; and

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9 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make a wider
10 range of programs for resident students possible and reduce the
11 net cost of operations to the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, from an enrollment management perspective, it is
14 very desirable to expand institutional recruiting and enrollment
15 options to allow more flexibility and choice during economic
16 downturns and demographic fluctuations; and

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18 WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly global society and
19 marketplace where interaction among students from Hawaii, the
20 mainland, and other countries has a significantly positive
21 educational impact on all groups; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
26 Board of Regents is requested to lift the ceilings on
27 nonresident enrollment; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, alternatively, the University
30 of Hawaii Board of Regents shall create separate nonresident
31 enrollment ceilings for mainland and foreign students; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
35 Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii,
36 and chancellors of each of UH's campuses and community colleges.



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