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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CREATE  
SCHOLARSHIPS 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, Congress recognized through the Higher Education  
15 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) that the security,  
16 stability, and economic vitality of the United States in an  
17 increasingly complex global age depend largely upon having a  
18 globally competent citizenry and the availability of experts  
19 specializing in world regions, foreign languages, and  
20 international affairs; and  
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22           WHEREAS, with today's increasingly complex international  
23 trade relations, concern for the preservation of our global  
24 environment, and the constant goal of world peace, the promotion  
25 and support of international education becomes increasingly  
26 important to our national security, foreign policy, economic  
27 competitiveness, and capacity for tolerance; and  
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29           WHEREAS, educating students through study abroad programs  
30 is an important way to share the values of Hawaii and the United  
31 States, to create goodwill for Hawaii and the United States



1 around the world, to work toward a peaceful global society, and  
2 to increase international trade; and

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4 WHEREAS, study abroad programs help students from Hawaii to  
5 be more informed about the world and to develop the cultural  
6 awareness necessary to avoid offending individuals from other  
7 countries; and

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

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

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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii's educational institutions must continue to  
21 increase opportunities for local students to acquire the  
22 linguistic and intercultural skills to interact effectively  
23 within the changing multicultural context of the state; and

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25 WHEREAS, ensuring that the citizens of Hawaii are globally  
26 literate is the responsibility of the educational system of  
27 Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, only 464 students were able to travel abroad  
30 during the 2007 calendar year through the Study Abroad Center at  
31 the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM); and

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33 WHEREAS, UHM provides sixteen study abroad programs in  
34 fourteen different countries; and

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36 WHEREAS, UHM provides scholarships for students who are  
37 United States citizens or resident aliens achieving at least a  
38 3.0 grade point average but sets aside no scholarship money  
39 specifically for Hawaii residents to travel abroad; and

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41 WHEREAS, for a Hawaii resident, the cost of tuition for a  
42 semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between  
43 \$4,000 and \$10,000 more expensive, depending on the program,  
44 than the cost of full-time resident tuition at UHM; and



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WHEREAS, for a nonresident, the cost of tuition for a semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between \$500 less expensive to \$5,000 more expensive, depending on the program, than the cost of full-time nonresident tuition at UHM; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to create scholarships for Hawaii residents to study abroad; and

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

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