
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI`I AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A
MUSLIMS IN ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

1 WHEREAS, several years ago, discussions began within the
2 University of Hawai`i at Manoa for the establishment of an
3 interdisciplinary Muslims in Asia Research Institute and such
4 discussions are still ongoing; and

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6 WHEREAS, although other universities have successfully
7 established and secured both national and international funding
8 for Middle Eastern Research Institutes, an interdisciplinary
9 Muslim Asia Research Institute would be the first of its kind in
10 the United States, filling an educational gap about Muslims in
11 Asia and relevant to the University of Hawai`i's international
12 focus on Asia and the Pacific; and

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14 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai`i at Manoa is ideally
15 suited for such a Muslims in Asia Research Institute, since it
16 has faculty expertise for Islam in Asia, and since it serves as
17 the gateway between the United States and the nations of the
18 Pacific Rim, which have large Muslim and Asian populations; and

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20 WHEREAS, several Asian governments and partner schools,
21 various national groups, as well as the federal government have
22 expressed interest in such a research institute; and

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24 WHEREAS, in efforts to diversify our economy, higher
25 education is a viable means to attract revenue, and with an
26 interdisciplinary Muslims in Asia Research Institute comes the
27 opportunity for grant and research moneys and the ability to tap
28 a niche in the higher education market, as well as promote
29 better international understanding of Islam in Asia; now,
30 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai`i, Regular
 3 Session of 2009, that the University of Hawai`i at Manoa is
 4 encouraged to establish a Muslims in Asia Research Institute;
 5 and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Resolution be transmitted to David McClain, president of the
 10 University of Hawai`i, Virginia Hinshaw, chancellor of the
 11 University of Hawai`i at Manoa, the Center for Southeast Asian
 12 Studies, the Center for South Asian Studies, the University of
 13 Hawai`i at Manoa Study Abroad Center, the Director of the
 14 Pacific Asian Management Institute, the Office of the Vice
 15 Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at the University
 16 of Hawai`i at Manoa, the Pacific Asian Management Institute and
 17 Center for International Business Education and Research
 18 (CIBER), the Department of Indo-Pacific Languages & Literatures
 19 at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, the Department of
 20 Philosophy at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, and the School
 21 of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Hawai`i at
 22 Manoa.

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