
HOUSE 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



1 WHEREAS, for a Hawaii resident, the cost of tuition for a
2 semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between
3 \$4,000 and \$10,000 more expensive, depending on the program,
4 than the cost of full-time resident tuition at UHM; and
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6 WHEREAS, for a nonresident, the cost of tuition for a
7 semester-long study abroad program is estimated to be between
8 \$500 less expensive to \$5,000 more expensive, depending on the
9 program, than the cost of full-time nonresident tuition at UHM;
10 now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2009, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is
15 requested to create scholarships for Hawaii residents to study
16 abroad; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University
20 of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the University of
21 Hawaii, and the Director of the Study Abroad Center at the
22 University of Hawaii at Manoa.
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