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## HOUSE 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, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is  
26 requested to lift the ceilings on nonresident enrollment; and

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

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



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