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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONSIDER THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE VICE
CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the mission of the
2 University of Hawaii at Hilo has evolved and expanded in recent
3 years from a principally undergraduate teaching institution to
4 one with a significant research focus on science, technology,
5 engineering, and mathematics; and
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7 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo reports
8 remarkable growth in its research effort in the first seven
9 years of this decade, with increases of 462.5 per cent in
10 funding and 341 per cent in the number of awards; and
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12 WHEREAS, this has been supported in large part by grants
13 from the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to
14 Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR); and
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16 WHEREAS, the emphasis on science, technology, engineering,
17 and mathematics is an important alignment with the State's
18 economic development goal of encouraging an innovation-based
19 economy, which depends on providing students with the advanced
20 skills necessary to succeed in a more complex society; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Chancellor of the University of
23 Hawaii at Hilo established the Interim Vice Chancellor for
24 Research position; and
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26 WHEREAS, currently the Interim Vice Chancellor for Research
27 is Dr. Michael Crosby, who is on sabbatical from his position as
28 the Executive Director of the National Science Board; and
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30 WHEREAS, during Dr. Crosby's tenure, University of Hawaii
31 at Hilo faculty, community leaders, and research support staff



1 have developed a new synergy, a sense of collaboration, and
2 partnership; and

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4 WHEREAS, despite these successes, this interim position
5 will cease to exist in January 2010; and

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7 WHEREAS, establishing a permanent Office of the Vice
8 Chancellor for Research and Economic Development will serve as a
9 focal point for the provision, strategic leveraging, and
10 coordination of administrative support services necessary to
11 facilitate the growth and expansion of research efforts at the
12 University as well as the successful application and award of
13 grant funds and other extramural funds to support those research
14 efforts, the research experiences of students, and the
15 stimulation of science and technology businesses in the State;
16 now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
21 Hawaii at Hilo is urged to consider the feasibility of
22 establishing an Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and
23 Economic Development at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
26 Hilo include, but not be limited to, the following
27 considerations regarding the Office of the Vice Chancellor for
28 Research and Economic Development:

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- 30 (1) The role of the Office as the overarching
31 institutional focal point for the coordination of all
32 undergraduate and graduate science, technology,
33 engineering, and mathematics mentorship programs and
34 the integration of ongoing and future research
35 projects;
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37 (2) The responsibility of the Office to increase the
38 participation of underrepresented cultural,
39 socioeconomic, and ethnic groups from the Pacific
40 Islands in undergraduate and graduate education in
41 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;
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43 (3) The responsibility of the Office for all budgeting and
44 fiscal aspects of research grants in order to allow



1 both faculty and students to focus their efforts more
2 directly on their research, education, and training;

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4 (4) The responsibility of the Office in leading the
5 efforts of the University of Hawaii at Hilo in science
6 and technology economic development, encouraging
7 interdisciplinary activities, and fostering programs
8 that promote the science and technology-related
9 economic progress of the State; and

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11 (5) The short-term and long-term funding requirements,
12 including potential sources of federal, state, and
13 private funds, necessary to establish and maintain the
14 Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and
15 Economic Development, any related faculty, technical,
16 and administrative positions, and any related
17 teaching, laboratory, equipment, or other capital
18 requirements; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
21 Hilo is requested to report its findings and recommendations,
22 including any budget requests and proposed legislation, to the
23 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
24 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the
28 University of Hawaii at Hilo, President of the University of
29 Hawaii System, and Chairperson of the Board of Regents.

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