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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii System consists of three  
2 baccalaureate universities and seven community colleges; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii  
5 System have a unique social responsibility reflected in their  
6 mission, to put postsecondary education within the reach of  
7 every resident who wants and can benefit from it; and

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9 WHEREAS, as open-door, low-tuition institutions, the  
10 Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii System offer  
11 state residents access through seven degree-granting campuses,  
12 affiliated outreach centers, and a flexible, short-term,  
13 workforce training center; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for fifty to ninety per cent of  
16 incoming freshmen to place in remedial or developmental courses  
17 in reading, writing, mathematics, or any combination of these  
18 three subjects; and

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20 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii System baccalaureate  
21 campuses have fewer resident students and much higher  
22 competitive entry level requirements, yet continue to receive  
23 more funding per capita than the Community Colleges of the  
24 University of Hawaii System; and

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26 WHEREAS, the National Center for Higher Education  
27 Management System reports that the Community Colleges of the  
28 University of Hawaii System should be receiving higher levels of  
29 state funding relative to the baccalaureate campuses; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii  
2 System would benefit from a system with institutions of like  
3 mission and a commitment to affordability, and one that is not  
4 in competition with baccalaureate campuses for resources; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
10 requested to conduct a study of the Community Colleges of the  
11 University of Hawaii System to determine if it would be  
12 beneficial to establish a separate statewide system for the  
13 Community Colleges; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
16 review other states, such as California and Oregon, which have  
17 separate systems for state community colleges and state  
18 baccalaureate and graduate program colleges and universities;  
19 and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include, but not be  
22 limited to:

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- 24 (1) An overview of the Community Colleges of the  
25 University of Hawaii System and the current  
26 administrative, financial, and academic relationships  
27 between the Community Colleges and the University of  
28 Hawaii System;
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30 (2) A comparison of the Community Colleges of the  
31 University of Hawaii System and selected states that  
32 have established separate systems; and
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34 (3) The administrative, financial, and academic advantages  
35 and disadvantages of establishing a separate system  
36 for the seven Community Colleges of the University of  
37 Hawaii System; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall submit the  
40 study to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
41 convening of the Regular Session of 2010, including any  
42 recommendations for legislation and funding; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
 3 President of the University of Hawaii System, and the Vice  
 4 President for Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii  
 5 System.

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