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SENATE 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
32 have developed a new synergy, a sense of collaboration, and
33 partnership; and
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1 WHEREAS, despite these successes, this interim position
2 will cease to exist in January 2010; and
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4 WHEREAS, establishing a permanent Office of the Vice
5 Chancellor for Research and Economic Development will serve as a
6 focal point for the provision, strategic leveraging, and
7 coordination of administrative support services necessary to
8 facilitate the growth and expansion of research efforts at the
9 University as well as the successful application and award of
10 grant funds and other extramural funds to support those research
11 efforts, the research experiences of students, and the
12 stimulation of science and technology businesses in the State;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
17 that the University of Hawaii at Hilo is urged to consider the
18 feasibility of establishing an Office of the Vice Chancellor for
19 Research and Economic Development at the University of Hawaii at
20 Hilo; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
23 Hilo include, but not be limited to, the following
24 considerations regarding the Office of the Vice Chancellor for
25 Research and Economic Development:
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- 27 (1) The role of the Office as the overarching
28 institutional focal point for the coordination of all
29 undergraduate and graduate science, technology,
30 engineering, and mathematics mentorship programs and
31 the integration of ongoing and future research
32 projects;
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- 34 (2) The responsibility of the Office to increase the
35 participation of underrepresented cultural,
36 socioeconomic, and ethnic groups from the Pacific
37 Islands in undergraduate and graduate education in
38 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;
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- 40 (3) The responsibility of the Office for all budgeting and
41 fiscal aspects of research grants in order to allow
42 both faculty and students to focus their efforts more
43 directly on their research, education, and training;
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- 1 (4) The responsibility of the Office in leading the
- 2 efforts of the University of Hawaii at Hilo in science
- 3 and technology economic development, encouraging
- 4 interdisciplinary activities, and fostering programs
- 5 that promote the science and technology-related
- 6 economic progress of the State; and
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- 8 (5) The short-term and long-term funding requirements,
- 9 including potential sources of federal, state, and
- 10 private funds, necessary to establish and maintain the
- 11 Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and
- 12 Economic Development, any related faculty, technical,
- 13 and administrative positions, and any related
- 14 teaching, laboratory, equipment, or other capital
- 15 requirements; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
 18 Hilo is requested to report its findings and recommendations,
 19 including any budget requests and proposed legislation, to the
 20 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 21 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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

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