
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A
VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER AT HONOLULU
COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, Honolulu Community College is a member of the
2 American Association of Community Colleges and the Western
3 Association of Schools and Colleges and has been continuously
4 and fully accredited since 1970 by the Accrediting Commission
5 for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of
6 Schools and Colleges; and
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8 WHEREAS, the main campus of Honolulu Community College, a
9 short distance from the heart of downtown Honolulu, occupies
10 over twenty acres on Dillingham Boulevard in the Kalihi-Palama
11 area, and the College also has facilities near Honolulu
12 International Airport for the Aeronautics Maintenance and
13 Commercial Aviation programs, automotive and heavy equipment
14 shops on Kokea Street, and the Marine Education and Training
15 Center on Sand Island; and
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17 WHEREAS, Department of Education Learning Centers are
18 designed to provide public school students and their parents
19 with greater academic choice by creating distinctive,
20 specialized, and excellent programs within public education; and
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22 WHEREAS, each Learning Center, typically established within
23 an existing Department of Education school, is organized around
24 a single theme or focus area; and
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26 WHEREAS, Campbell, Leilehua, and Waialua High Schools on
27 Oahu; Lahainaluna High School on Maui; and Waiakea High School
28 on the island of Hawaii are currently designated as
29 Vocational/Technical Education Learning Centers in the State of
30 Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Honolulu Community College is the only community
2 college in the State that offers programs in Aeronautics
3 Maintenance Technology, Commercial Aviation, Refrigeration and
4 Air Conditioning Technology, and Sheet Metal and Plastics
5 Technology; and
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7 WHEREAS, Honolulu Community College is the only community
8 college on the island of Oahu that offers programs in
9 Architectural, Engineering and CAD Technologies; Carpentry
10 Technology; Diesel Mechanics Technology; Electrical Installation
11 and Maintenance Technology; and Fire and Environmental Emergency
12 Response; and
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14 WHEREAS, students receiving credit from Honolulu Community
15 College may transfer directly to the University of Hawaii at
16 Manoa, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the University of
17 Hawaii - West Oahu to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree;
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20 WHEREAS, Honolulu Community College also has transfer
21 agreements with other universities in Hawaii and serves as a
22 gateway to over two thousand universities and colleges across
23 the United States; and
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25 WHEREAS, students at Honolulu Community College receive
26 instruction in small classes taught by well-credentialed faculty
27 who are dedicated to excellence in teaching; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Education and Honolulu Community College are requested to
33 convene a task force to discuss and report on the feasibility of
34 creating a Department of Education Vocational/Technical
35 Education Learning Center at Honolulu Community College; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include:
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- 39 (1) A working definition for "vocational/technical
40 education" that would distinguish the goals of the
41 proposed Honolulu Community College
42 Vocational/Technical Education Learning Center from
43 the focus of other Department of Education Learning
44 Centers;



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- 2 (2) The facilities needs, personnel needs, student
- 3 accountability, and budgetary conditions and
- 4 requirements that must be met for the proposed
- 5 Honolulu Community College Vocational/Technical
- 6 Education Learning Center to be established;
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- 8 (3) A plan for the curriculum to be offered at the
- 9 proposed Honolulu Community College
- 10 Vocational/Technical Education Learning Center;
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- 12 (4) Whether credits earned at the proposed Honolulu
- 13 Community College Vocational/Technical Education
- 14 Learning Center could be counted as both Department of
- 15 Education and community college credits;
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- 17 (5) Whether and how the contact hours for the classes
- 18 would satisfy Department of Education or community
- 19 college accreditation requirements; and
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- 21 (6) The possibility of expanding the Early Admit, Running
- 22 Start, and other similar programs to allow students
- 23 who might attend the proposed Honolulu Community
- 24 College Vocational/Technical Learning Center to take
- 25 advantage of their time on campus and participate in
- 26 college course offerings; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and
29 Honolulu Community College provide administrative support to the
30 task force and submit the findings and recommendations of the
31 task force to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
32 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
36 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Chancellor
37 of Honolulu Community College.

