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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASIAN
LANGUAGE CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
CAMPUS.

1 WHEREAS, the East-West Center is an education and research
2 organization established by the United States Congress in 1960
3 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and
4 nations of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States; and
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6 WHEREAS, the East-West Center has successfully engaged in
7 cooperative study, training, and research on critical issues
8 concerning the United States and the Asia Pacific region; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition to a campus on the University of
11 Hawaii at Manoa, the East-West Center has an office in
12 Washington, D.C., to enhance the United States' engagement and
13 dialogue with the Asia-Pacific region through access to the
14 programs and expertise of the Center and policy-relevant
15 research, publications, and outreach activities, including those
16 of the United States Asia Pacific Council; and
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18 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa has the largest
19 East Asian languages department in the country and offers a
20 depth and breadth of language options, especially in Chinese,
21 Japanese, and Korean languages; and
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23 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of professionals with skills
24 in critical languages to meet the business, national
25 intelligence, cultural, and other needs that are necessary with
26 increasing globalization; and
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28 WHEREAS, a flagship East Asian Language Center that builds
29 upon the successes and strengths of the East-West Center and the
30 University of Hawaii at Manoa could serve as the nation's
31 premiere center for instruction in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean
32 languages, meeting the need for critical language linguists and



1 linking students to economic, cultural, political, and academic
2 opportunities around the world; and

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4 WHEREAS, a flagship East Asian Language Center at the
5 University of Hawaii at Manoa and in partnership with the East-
6 West Center could take advantage of each institution's existing
7 contacts and programs and may include programs to participate in
8 language immersion programs overseas, United States Department
9 of State consulate internships, Hawaii State Legislature
10 internships, Chamber of Commerce in-country internships, and
11 language course teacher assistantships in Hawaii's public
12 schools; and

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14 WHEREAS, a flagship East Asian Language Center may also
15 benefit the state public education system by generating
16 opportunities and interest for language studies in K-12
17 education, implementing more advanced placement courses in high
18 schools, creating scholarships and automatic program acceptance
19 for graduates of Hawaii high schools who meet certain
20 requirements, establishing summer professional development
21 opportunities, and offering bachelor's degrees and master's
22 degrees for professionals in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean
23 languages; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
28 Hawaii College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature is
29 requested to conduct a feasibility study of establishing a
30 flagship East Asian Language Center at the University of Hawaii
31 at Manoa in cooperation with the East-West Center; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study is
34 requested to include but not be limited to:

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36 (1) Which languages are expected to be most highly in
37 demand over the next ten years;
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39 (2) The advantages and disadvantages of training students
40 and professionals in the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean
41 languages;
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- 1 (3) Estimated costs of establishing the Center and an
- 2 estimate of the expected demand and size of the
- 3 program;
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- 5 (4) Ways to collaborate with the Department of Education
- 6 to offer a K-12 curriculum that works in collaboration
- 7 with the Center's programs; and
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- 9 (5) A timeline for the development of the Center; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
 12 requested to submit a report of its feasibility study findings
 13 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
 14 convening of the 2011 Regular Session; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 18 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Dean of the
 19 University of Hawaii College of Languages, Linguistics, and
 20 Literature, President of the East-West Center, the
 21 Superintendent of Education, and the Chairperson of the Board of
 22 Education.

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