
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO SEARCH FOR A SITE
IN LOWER PUNA TO HOUSE A LEARNING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, in the area of higher education, the lower Puna
2 area on the Big Island is underserved; and
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4 WHEREAS, the establishment of a learning center in lower
5 Puna on the Big Island would provide surrounding communities
6 access to higher education and would benefit the University of
7 Hawaii at Hilo by providing additional educational resources;
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10 WHEREAS, the mission of the learning center in lower Puna
11 would be similar to the North Hawaii Education and Research
12 Center in Honokaa such that the Puna learning center would:
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- 14 (1) Offer selected courses via live and distance
15 instruction to an underserved area;
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- 17 (2) Create a research station that will serve as a base
18 for research related to lower Puna and other areas of
19 close proximity;
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- 21 (3) Enhance community service efforts of the University of
22 Hawaii at Hilo;
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- 24 (4) Facilitate community outreach and access to higher
25 education and provide a university presence in the
26 area of lower Puna for community service and research;
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- 29 (5) Facilitate student entry into the University of Hawaii
30 at Hilo and provide access for students in the area of
31 higher education; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo will require
 2 capital improvement project funding for site location, planning,
 3 design, and construction of a learning center in lower Puna;
 4 now, therefore,

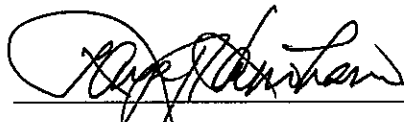
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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii at
 9 Hilo is requested to search for a site in lower Puna to house a
 10 learning center that is comparable to the North Hawaii Education
 11 and Research Center in Honokaa; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its search, the
 14 University of Hawaii at Hilo is requested to hold community
 15 meetings to assess the educational needs of the community and
 16 the possibility for research initiatives in the area; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
 19 Hilo is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation relating to
 21 the establishment of a learning center in lower Puna, to the
 22 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 23 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the
 27 University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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OFFERED BY: 

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