
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT A STUDENT
EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
STUDENTS IN PROVINCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
WITH WHICH THE STATE HAS STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and
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6 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
7 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,
8 there continues to exist valid reasons to promote international
9 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
10 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves
11 the common interests of both countries; and
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13 WHEREAS, student exchange programs for students in Hawaii's
14 schools provide students with the opportunity to learn first-
15 hand the diverse cultures of other countries; and
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17 WHEREAS, these exchanges also foster and sustain good
18 relationships and cultural exchange between foreign countries
19 and the State of Hawaii; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program for
22 Hawaii students and students from Japan's Okinawa Prefecture,
23 now in its fourteenth year, has demonstrated the benefits and
24 cost-effectiveness of these programs; and
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26 WHEREAS, implementing similar student exchange programs
27 between Hawaii and provinces in the Republic of the Philippines
28 with which the State has State-Province relationships would
29 provide a concrete and viable connection between the State and
30 those provinces; and



1 WHEREAS, the Filipino community in Hawaii has demonstrated
2 its unity and resolve as a growing ethnic group of rising
3 influence and immense potential in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Governors of the provinces in the Republic of
6 the Philippines with which the State has State-Province
7 relationships have expressed strong interest in developing
8 student exchange programs; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
13 respectfully requests the Department of Education to support a
14 student exchange program for students in Hawaii public schools
15 and students in provinces in the Republic of the Philippines
16 with which the State has State-Province relationships; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
20 State of Hawaii; Superintendent of Education; President of the
21 Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; President of the United
22 Filipino Community Council; President of the Filipino Coalition
23 for Solidarity; President of the United Pangasinan of Hawaii;
24 President of the Ilocos Surian Association; President of the
25 Ilocos Norteniens of North America; and President of the
26 Congress of Visayan Organizations.

