
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
FOR 50 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND FOR THE
LEADERSHIP ROLE IT PERFORMS IN OFFERING EDUCATIONAL AND
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

1 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES
2 provide open-door access to affordable, high-quality education
3 in a variety of programs from career and technical to liberal
4 arts education; and
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6 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE System
7 is gaining national and worldwide attention with its award-
8 winning achievements in STEM, culinary arts, and design;
9 furthermore, high demand programs include business, education,
10 digital media, computer networking, television production,
11 engineering, and visual and performing arts; and
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13 WHEREAS, the establishment of the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
14 COMMUNITY COLLEGES was realized with the signing of Act 39, an
15 Executive Order by Governor John A. Burns on April 23, 1964; and
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17 WHEREAS, over the years, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY
18 COLLEGE System has grown into seven colleges, including Hawai'i
19 Community College, Honolulu Community College, Kapi'olani
20 Community College, Kaua'i Community College, Leeward Community
21 College, UH Maui College, and Windward Community College; and
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23 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES
24 continue to meet the growing challenges of a new era with
25 innovative studies in sustainability, energy, and agriculture,
26 as well as technical, occupational, and professional programs
27 that strengthen our State's economy; and



1 WHEREAS, the statewide system has evolved into separately
 2 accredited institutions and are a part of the larger ten-
 3 institution University of Hawai'i System; additionally, there are
 4 now three university centers and six education centers serving
 5 O'ahu, Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES focus
 8 on academic program initiatives, which include implementation of
 9 curriculum software, improvements for First Year Experience, and
 10 strategies for development and gatekeeper education; and

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 12 WHEREAS, education and training offered by the UNIVERSITY
 13 OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES include degree and certificate
 14 programs and short-term programs that prepare students for
 15 industry certification, enhance workplace skills, and provide
 16 personal or professional development; and

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 18 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES have a
 19 dynamic system, which is committed to providing additional
 20 access to disadvantaged and under-represented students,
 21 particularly Native Hawaiian students; and

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 23 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES will
 24 continue to meet the diverse and changing needs of our society
 25 and fulfill a vital function within higher education; now,
 26 therefore,

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 28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 29 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular
 30 Session of 2014, that this body hereby recognizes the UNIVERSITY
 31 OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE System for 50 years of educational
 32 excellence and for the leadership role it performs in offering
 33 educational and employment opportunities for all and extends its
 34 warmest aloha and best wishes to the system as it celebrates its
 35 50th anniversary.

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