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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII EXPAND THE OSHER
LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE CAMPUSES
WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, our kupuna, or senior members of our society, are
2 an important component of our society, contributing wisdom and
3 depth to our communities; and

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5 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of
6 Labor, the population of people aged 65 to 69 years old will
7 rise by 37 percent from 2010 to 2020, while the number of people
8 aged 70 years and older will rise by 38 percent nationwide; and

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10 WHEREAS, the rising number of people aged 75 and older is
11 exponentially greater in the State of Hawaii with an increase of
12 116 percent from 1990 to 2012; and

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14 WHEREAS, along with the wisdom and experience that come
15 with age, declines in mental and physical health, such as those
16 resulting from dementia and Alzheimer's disease, can also occur;
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19 WHEREAS, Jean Carper's book, "100 Simple Things You Can Do
20 to Prevent Alzheimer's and Age-Related Memory Loss" lists
21 continuing education as one of the ways to maintain mental
22 health; and

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24 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has established a program
25 called the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, to help our kupuna
26 stay mentally active by giving them an opportunity to take
27 classes free of charge; and

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29 WHEREAS, this program is currently only available at the
30 Manoa campus of the University of Hawaii on the south side of
31 Oahu; and



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1 WHEREAS, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute should be
 2 expanded to all campuses of the University of Hawaii System so
 3 that more kupuna have access to the program; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
 8 Hawaii is requested to expand the Osher Lifelong Learning
 9 Institute to include all of the campuses within the University
 10 of Hawaii System; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 14 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Interim President of the
 15 University of Hawaii, and the Interim Executive Vice President
 16 for Academic Affairs of the University of Hawaii.
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