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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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,  
7 that the University of Hawaii is requested to expand the Osher  
8 Lifelong Learning Institute to include all of the campuses  
9 within the University of Hawaii System; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University  
13 of Hawaii Board of Regents, Interim President of the University  
14 of Hawaii, and the Interim Executive Vice President for Academic  
15 Affairs of the University of Hawaii.  
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OFFERED BY:

*Ronca E. Ruden*  
*for signing*

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