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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WEST OAHU, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE TO EXPLORE, COLLECT DATA, AND REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF PROCUREMENT.

1           WHEREAS, procurement can be a powerful tool in the State  
2 for cost savings, budgeting, and, more importantly, providing  
3 the community with needed goods, services, and infrastructure;  
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6           WHEREAS, with expenditures of over \$1,000,000,000 per annum  
7 for the Executive Branch alone, procurement must be taken into  
8 account at the strategic planning level; and

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10          WHEREAS, to establish procurement at a strategic level,  
11 agencies must acknowledge the procurement workforce as a set of  
12 professionals. If procurement is not seen as a professional  
13 career field, then the result may be waste, fraud, and abuse;  
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16          WHEREAS, with a limited pool of qualified candidates and  
17 insufficient funding, the struggle to acquire or retain adequate  
18 staffing levels is alarmingly high; for example, the current  
19 vacancy rate of purchasing positions at the State Procurement  
20 Office is 43 per cent; and

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22          WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, West Oahu, offers a  
23 variety of first and second-year college credit classes in  
24 liberal arts, education, business careers, and technical areas;  
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27          WHEREAS, there are two types of strategies for workforce  
28 development:



- 1 (1) Place-based strategies attempt to address the needs of
- 2 individuals living in a particular neighborhood; and
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- 4 (2) Sector-based strategies focus on matching worker
- 5 skills with an industry's needs; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office is in desperate need  
 8 of workforce development initiatives; now, therefore,

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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 12 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
 13 Hawaii, West Oahu, collaborate with the State Procurement Office  
 14 to:

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- 16 (1) Explore, collect data, and report on the viability of
- 17 a Workforce Development Pilot Program in the field of
- 18 procurement;
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- 20 (2) Determine the educational requirements for a robust
- 21 certification program; and
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- 23 (3) Explore the possibility of a partnership between the
- 24 University of Hawaii, West Oahu, and the State
- 25 Procurement Office for workforce development; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii, West  
 28 Oahu, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office  
 29 collaborate to submit their findings and recommendations,  
 30 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
 31 than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2017; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
 35 Administrator of the State Procurement Office, President of the  
 36 University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, and Chancellor of the  
 37 University of Hawaii, West Oahu.

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