
HOUSE 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:
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30 (1) Place-based strategies attempt to address the needs of
31 individuals living in a particular neighborhood; and



1 (2) Sector-based strategies focus on matching worker
2 skills with an industry's needs; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office is in desperate need
5 of workforce development initiatives; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2016, that the University of Hawaii, West Oahu,
10 collaborate with the State Procurement Office to:

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12 (1) Explore, collect data, and report on the viability of
13 a Workforce Development Pilot Program in the field of
14 procurement;

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16 (2) Determine the educational requirements for a robust
17 certification program; and
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19 (3) Explore the possibility of a partnership between the
20 University of Hawaii, West Oahu, and the State
21 Procurement Office for workforce development; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii, West
24 Oahu, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office
25 collaborate to submit their findings and recommendations,
26 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
27 than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2017; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Administrator of the
31 State Procurement Office, President of the University of Hawaii,
32 Board of Regents, and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii,
33 West Oahu.
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