
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROMOTE
COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CAMPUSES TO
INCREASE ONLINE COURSES AND DEGREE PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, online courses and degree programs are
2 increasingly important to ensure access to education for many
3 students; and
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5 WHEREAS, the geography of Hawaii makes online and distance
6 education options especially valuable in the State, both for
7 local and out-of-state students; and
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9 WHEREAS, students on neighbor islands are in particular
10 need of affordable, high quality distance education options; and
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12 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is well situated to offer
13 a unique and valuable perspective to local and out-of-state
14 students in a variety of important subject areas, including
15 oceanography, renewable energy, and climate change; and
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17 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii currently offers online
18 options for students to earn seventeen different Bachelor's
19 degrees, fourteen different Master's degrees, and numerous
20 certificates; and
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22 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has been a national
23 leader in providing distance education options to students in
24 the past; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
29 Hawaii is requested to develop a plan to promote cooperation
30 between the University of Hawaii campuses to increase online
31 courses and degree programs; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
3 requested to examine the current status of the University's
4 online programs and any resistance that the University's faculty
5 may have against online courses and degree programs; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
8 requested to provide a report of its findings and plan to the
9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the Regular Session of 2017; 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 and President of the
15 University of Hawaii System.

