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# SENATE 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,  
28 that the University of Hawaii is requested to develop a plan to  
29 promote cooperation between the University of Hawaii campuses to  
30 increase online courses and degree programs; and  
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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
33 requested to examine the current status of the University's



1 online programs and any resistance that the University's faculty  
2 may have against online courses and degree programs; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
5 requested to provide a report of its findings and plan to the  
6 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University  
11 of Hawaii Board of Regents and President of the University of  
12 Hawaii System.

