
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINES-HAWAII TOURISM
COLLEGE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM COMPACT.

1 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 124, H.D. 1
2 (1985), established the State of Hawaii's first sister-state
3 relationship with the Philippines, with the Province of Ilocos
4 Sur, and noted that Filipino immigrants and their descendants
5 have contributed greatly to the economy, cultural diversity, and
6 strength of Hawaii's society; and

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8 WHEREAS, on December 20, 1906, the first 15 Filipinos,
9 known as sakadas or plantation workers, arrived in the State
10 from the Province of Ilocos Sur to help with Hawaii's sugar
11 plantations; and

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13 WHEREAS, Act 7, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, recognized the
14 historical significance of the arrival of the first sakadas in
15 the State by designating December 20th of each year as "Sakada
16 Day"; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Province of Ilocos Sur will celebrate its
19 bicentennial anniversary on February 1-3, 2018; and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2015, the city of Vigan, the capital of the
22 Province of Ilocos Sur, was officially inaugurated as one of the
23 world's new urban wonder cities; and

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25 WHEREAS, as an emerging tourist destination, Vigan is an
26 example of the growth of global tourism, which is a significant
27 industry for the State; and

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29 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 48 (2002)
30 requested the Governor and the President of the University of
31 Hawaii to establish sister-state educational, cultural, and



1 economic development exchanges with the Province of Ilocos Sur;
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4 WHEREAS, Ilocos Sur Community College was founded in 1975
5 and started its tourism management program in 1992; and

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7 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Philippines was founded
8 in 1965 and started its college of hospitality and tourism
9 management in 1997; and

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11 WHEREAS, the worldwide reputation of the University of
12 Hawaii System, through the University of Hawaii at Manoa School
13 of Travel Industry Management, and the hospitality and tourism
14 programs of University of Hawaii West Oahu and participating
15 University of Hawaii community colleges, can be enhanced to
16 become exemplary programs in hospitality, tourism, and
17 transportation management by establishing a student exchange
18 program compact with Ilocos Sur Community College and the
19 University of Northern Philippines; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that University of Hawaii System
24 is requested to establish a student exchange program compact
25 between the University of Hawaii System and the University of
26 Northern Philippines College of Hospitality and Tourism
27 Management and the Ilocos Sur Community College Tourism
28 Management Program; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student exchange program
31 compact be known as the "Philippines-Hawaii Tourism College
32 Student Exchange Program Compact" (Compact); and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Compact shall focus on the
35 areas of hospitality, tourism, and transportation management
36 exchanges; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Compact shall emphasize the
39 development of a plan to foster communication, cooperation, and
40 courtesies among the participants to explore different avenues
41 of hospitality, tourism, and transportation management
42 exchanges; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dean of the University of
 2 Hawaii at Manoa School of Travel Industry Management, with the
 3 cooperation of the Chancellors from University of Hawaii West
 4 Oahu and participating University of Hawaii community colleges,
 5 shall report findings and recommendations relative to the
 6 Compact to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the
 7 convening of the regular session of 2018; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include:

- 10 (1) The number of college students from the Philippines
- 11 and Hawaii participating in the student exchange
- 12 program since its inception, pursuant to the Compact;
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- 14 (2) An assessment of the effectiveness of the Compact; and
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- 16 (3) Any recommendations or proposed legislation that the
- 17 Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Travel
- 18 Industry Management and the Chancellors from
- 19 University of Hawaii West Oahu and participating
- 20 University of Hawaii community colleges deem necessary
- 21 to improve the Compact; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School
 26 of Travel Industry Management, University of Hawaii; Chancellor
 27 of University of Hawaii West Oahu; Chancellor of University of
 28 Hawaii, Hawaii Community College; Chancellor of University of
 29 Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College; Chancellor of University of
 30 Hawaii, Kauai Community College; Chancellor of University of
 31 Hawaii, Maui Community College; Governor of the Province of
 32 Ilocos Sur; President of the University of Northern Philippines;
 33 and Administrator of Ilocos Sur Community College.

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