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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 124, H.D. 1 (1985),  
2 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Resolution No. 48 (2002) requested the  
30 Governor and the President of the University of Hawaii to  
31 establish sister-state educational, cultural, and economic  
32 development exchanges with the Province of Ilocos Sur; and



1 WHEREAS, Ilocos Sur Community College was founded in 1975  
2 and started its tourism management program in 1992; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Philippines was founded  
5 in 1965 and started its college of hospitality and tourism  
6 management in 1997; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the worldwide reputation of the University of  
9 Hawaii System, through the University of Hawaii at Manoa School  
10 of Travel Industry Management, and the hospitality and tourism  
11 programs of University of Hawaii West Oahu and participating  
12 University of Hawaii community colleges, can be enhanced to  
13 become exemplary programs in hospitality, tourism, and  
14 transportation management by establishing a student exchange  
15 program compact with Ilocos Sur Community College and the  
16 University of Northern Philippines; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,  
20 that University of Hawaii System is requested to establish a  
21 student exchange program compact between the University of  
22 Hawaii System and the University of Northern Philippines College  
23 of Hospitality and Tourism Management and the Ilocos Sur  
24 Community College Tourism Management Program; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student exchange program  
27 compact be known as the "Philippines-Hawaii Tourism College  
28 Student Exchange Program Compact" (Compact); and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Compact shall focus on the  
31 areas of hospitality, tourism, and transportation management  
32 exchanges; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Compact shall emphasize the  
35 development of a plan to foster communication, cooperation, and  
36 courtesies among the participants to explore different avenues  
37 of hospitality, tourism, and transportation management  
38 exchanges; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dean of the University of  
41 Hawaii at Manoa School of Travel Industry Management, with the  
42 cooperation of the Chancellors from University of Hawaii West



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1 Oahu and participating University of Hawaii community colleges,  
 2 shall report findings and recommendations relative to the  
 3 Compact to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the  
 4 convening of the regular session of 2018; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include:

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8 (1) The number of college students from the Philippines  
 9 and Hawaii participating in the student exchange  
 10 program since its inception, pursuant to the Compact;

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12 (2) An assessment of the effectiveness of the Compact; and

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14 (3) Any recommendations or proposed legislation that the  
 15 Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Travel  
 16 Industry Management and the Chancellors from  
 17 University of Hawaii West Oahu and participating  
 18 University of Hawaii community colleges deem necessary  
 19 to improve the Compact; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School of Travel  
 23 Industry Management, University of Hawaii; Chancellor of  
 24 University of Hawaii West Oahu; Chancellor of University of  
 25 Hawaii, Hawaii Community College; Chancellor of University of  
 26 Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College; Chancellor of University of  
 27 Hawaii, Kauai Community College; Chancellor of University of  
 28 Hawaii, Maui Community College; Governor of the Province of  
 29 Ilocos Sur; President of the University of Northern Philippines;  
 30 and Administrator of Ilocos Sur Community College.

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