



**Consulate general of the republic of the philippines  
Honolulu**

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**EXTREMELY URGENT**

22 March 2017

The Honorable Senator Kaiiali'i Kahele, Chair, Committee on Higher Education;  
The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, Committee on International Affairs and the Arts;  
The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and  
Technology; and  
Vice Chairs and Members of the abovementioned Senate Committees  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**SR68 and SCR146 - REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINES-HAWAII  
TOURISM COLLEGE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM COMPACT ("COMPACT")**

I would like to express the Philippine Consulate General's strong support for the  
abovementioned Senate resolutions.

The creation of a Student Exchange Program Compact between tourism schools and colleges  
in Hawaii and in the Philippines will redound to the benefit of both our Governments and  
peoples given that tourism is one of the major economic drivers of both Hawaii and the  
Philippines.

The Compact will promote friendly academic exchanges among tourism students of Hawaii and  
the Philippines, through sharing of best practices and enhancement of current tourism and  
hospitality programs.

I am in full support of SR68/SCR146 and I am optimistic that this will bear a fruitful and mutually-  
beneficial relationship.

Thank you very much and I respectfully request that you consider supporting this initiative.

Sincerely,

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