
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GLOBAL EDUCATION STUDENT
EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN CHINA AND HAWAII FOR LOW-INCOME
MINORITY STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that intermediate and high
2 school students who live in poverty and who are members of
3 racial and ethnic minority groups have lower high school
4 graduation rates and lower levels of achievement, especially in
5 science and mathematics; and
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7 WHEREAS, the academic disparity is especially prevalent
8 with minority male high school students who are reported to be
9 at a high risk of dropping out of high school; and
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11 WHEREAS, low-income minority students from Hawaii are
12 rarely exposed to transformative academic ideas from other
13 countries and can benefit from a global education student
14 exchange program that offers eligible students the opportunity
15 to study at private international schools that have high
16 graduation rates and desegregated environments that promote
17 mentorship among students, teachers, and business people; and
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19 WHEREAS, a China-based global education student exchange
20 pilot program offered to eligible American high school students
21 in 2018 through 2023 and endorsed by the Education Advancement
22 Fund International (EAFI), a United States based nonprofit
23 organization founded and run by a professor of political science
24 at the University of Hawaii, has gained approval from nearly 100
25 participating schools in China, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia,
26 Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong; and
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28 WHEREAS, EAFI's mission is to educate poor rural minority
29 children, promote gender equity, and further the ideals of world



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1 peace by creating international understanding on a personal
2 basis; and

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4 WHEREAS, EAFI has created innovative and cost-efficient
5 solutions to educate girls and handicapped students living in
6 rural China, provided free meals and scholarships to needy
7 students in China, and founded an art gallery in rural
8 Guangdong, China that is dedicated to help disabled students
9 gain an education; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State needs to increase low-income minority
12 students' access to experiences provided in student exchange
13 programs, such as the China-based global education student
14 exchange pilot program that offers eligible American high school
15 students the opportunity to learn mathematics, entrepreneurship,
16 and foreign languages at private international schools with the
17 goal of gaining college admission; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to assist
20 low-income minority students from Hawaii so they may achieve
21 educational success and live healthy and productive lives; now,
22 therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
27 is requested to establish a global education student exchange
28 program between Hawaii and China for low-income minority
29 students; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
33 the Director of the Education Advancement Fund International.

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36 OFFERED BY: Calvin K. Y. Poy
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