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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND REPORT ON A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, even at public law schools such as the William S.  
2 Richardson School of Law, tuition and costs are high; and

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4 WHEREAS, many law school graduates face significant debt  
5 upon their graduation; and

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7 WHEREAS, significant debt for law school graduates narrows  
8 their work choices following law school; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents in rural areas face significant  
11 legal challenges in the course of their daily lives; and

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13 WHEREAS, a financial aid program for law school graduates  
14 that incentivizes serving residents in rural areas would benefit  
15 those residents, the law school graduates, and the community as  
16 a whole; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
20 2019, the Senate concurring, that the William S. Richardson  
21 School of Law is requested to convene a task force to study the  
22 possibility of establishing a loan forgiveness program in  
23 connection with serving certain residents in rural areas in  
24 Hawaii; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be named  
27 the Task Force for Rural Legal Assistance; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force for Rural Legal  
30 Assistance consist of the following members:  
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- 1 (1) The Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law,  
2 or a designee;
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- 4 (2) A representative from the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii;
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- 6 (3) A representative from the Hawaii Justice Foundation;
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- 8 (4) A representative from the Access to Justice  
9 Commission;
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- 11 (5) A member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate  
12 President; and
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- 14 (6) A member of the House of Representatives to be  
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force for Rural Legal  
18 Assistance is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
20 Legislature at least ten days prior to the convening of the  
21 Regular Session of 2020; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the William  
25 S. Richardson School of Law, Executive Director of the Legal Aid  
26 Society of Hawaii, Chair of the Hawaii Justice Foundation, and  
27 Chair of the Access to Justice Commission.

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