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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST COHORT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED, ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN HAWAII TO STUDY AT ELITE SCHOOLS IN ASIA THROUGH THE 2020 HAWAII-ASIA YOUTH PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Asia's economy has grown to become the world's largest measured by both nominal gross domestic product and purchasing power parity; and

WHEREAS, Asia holds the world's largest total banking-sector assets, worth approximately \$50 trillion; and

WHEREAS, Asia overtook the United States in 2016 to become the region of the world that produces the greatest number of scientific publications; and

WHEREAS, students in Asia often achieve some of the world's highest scores in international math and science exams; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has long-standing historical and cultural ties to Asia, beginning with the arrival of immigrants who first arrived in the islands over 200 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China, received his secondary education in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Education Advancement Fund International, a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization, is to educate underprivileged, economically-disadvantaged children; promote gender equity; and further the ideals of world peace by creating international understanding on a person-to-person basis; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and Education Advancement Fund International have forged connections with a number of elite schools in Asia willing to enroll underprivileged, economically-disadvantaged students in Hawaii in programs involving one-to-one exchanges in which Hawaii students receive tutoring in math and science and, in exchange, provide tutoring in English; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State is urged to provide budgetary and fiscal support for the first cohort of 10 students from Nanakuli and Waianae high schools to participate in the 2020 Hawaii-Asia Youth Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is encouraged to work with the Center for Chinese Studies of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Education Advancement Fund International to:

(1) Recruit students to participate in; and

(2) Manage logistics and related matters for,

the 2020 Hawaii-Asia Youth Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, Director of the Center for Chinese Studies of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Project Director of Education Advancement Fund International.

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