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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT TO
CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII WEST OAHU THAT RECEIVE EXTRAMURAL FUNDING, INCLUDING
TITLE III GRANT FUNDING.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu provides
2 various programs to assist incoming and current students; and
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4 WHEREAS, many of these programs receive extramural funding,
5 including Title III grant funding; and
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7 WHEREAS, in 2014, the University of Hawaii West Oahu was
8 awarded a total of \$14,200,000 in Title III grant funding from
9 the United States Department of Education for the construction
10 of Native Hawaiian health and wellness facilities and the
11 further development of Native Hawaiian student support services;
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14 WHEREAS, \$10,000,000 was allocated for the PIKO Project,
15 the construction of health and wellness facilities and programs
16 that integrate Native Hawaiian values of well-being, including:
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- 18 (1) A wellness center that addresses holistic health and
19 wellness programming;
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- 21 (2) A nursing simulation lab for state-of-the-art training
22 in health-related concentrations with the goal of
23 improving Native Hawaiian health equity;
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- 25 (3) A cultural and performing arts and education
26 amphitheater as part of the University of Hawaii West
27 Oahu library for student and campus events and
28 activities;
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1 (4) Community engagement and service-learning support
2 focused on the health and well-being of the campus and
3 community; and
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5 (5) Academic support to increase student retention and
6 success in health services; and
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8 WHEREAS, \$4,200,000 was granted to the University of Hawaii
9 West Oahu over a five-year period for the development of a Pueo
10 Scholars Program, including comprehensive student support
11 services aimed to increase the retention and graduation rates of
12 Native Hawaiian students; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Pueo Scholars Program is a continuum of
15 services and support starting from pre-college to graduation and
16 includes:
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18 (1) Dual enrollment and early admit courses for high
19 school students in the local area of the University of
20 Hawaii West Oahu;
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22 (2) Implementation of the 'Onipa'a Summer Program designed
23 to bolster Native Hawaiian student fall enrollment
24 after high school graduation that includes a one-
25 credit college preparatory course, six weeks of paid
26 summer employment, and a one-credit summer bridge
27 course;
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29 (3) A dedicated Pueo Scholar advisor who assists new
30 Native Hawaiian and other incoming freshmen and first-
31 year transfer students to ease the adjustment to
32 college life at the University of Hawaii West Oahu;
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34 (4) Additional tutors for science, technology,
35 engineering, and math subjects who are academically
36 capable and knowledgeable about Native Hawaiian
37 history, culture, and learning styles;
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39 (5) Peer mentoring for students during their first year at
40 the University of Hawaii West Oahu;
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- 1 (6) Continuation of supplemental instruction for general
2 education courses aimed at ensuring successful pass
3 rates;
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- 5 (7) Increased student leadership opportunities, including
6 a three-credit upper division leadership course,
7 workshops, seminars, and projects;
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- 9 (8) Service learning opportunities included in coursework
10 to enhance course material and promote civic
11 engagement; and
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- 13 (9) An educational pathway for students pursuing education
14 degrees by providing related services and technology
15 materials and supplies that assist in their
16 persistence to graduation and becoming licensed
17 teachers; and
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19 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu also provides a
20 Summer Academy with different program options, such as the
21 'A'ali'i Scholars Program and 'Ike Ola, to help local high school
22 graduates get an early start on the college experience; and
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24 WHEREAS, the 'A'ali'i Scholars Program provides students the
25 opportunity to experience college through a Hawaiian cultural
26 lens by attending college-level courses at the University of
27 Hawaii West Oahu and engaging in field experiences throughout
28 Oahu; and
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30 WHEREAS, 'Ike Ola is a program that provides students with
31 the opportunity to increase their knowledge of health
32 occupations and indigenous health and healing by exposing
33 students to health issues within their community as well as
34 highlighting related health professions; and
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36 WHEREAS, these programs are funded through local
37 organizations; and
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39 WHEREAS, however, discrepancies in information provided by
40 the University of Hawaii West Oahu on various programs were
41 found, from initial documentation on the programs to follow-up



1 documentation, as well as inconsistencies in the reporting of
2 extramural funds; and

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4 WHEREAS, an audit of the various programs at the University
5 of Hawaii West Oahu that receive extramural funding, including
6 Title III grant funding, will help to ensure an accurate
7 accounting of all funds by the University and that funds are
8 being utilized appropriately for the benefits of the students;
9 now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
12 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
13 Representatives concurring, that the University of Hawaii Office
14 of Internal Audit is requested to conduct an audit of various
15 programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu that receive
16 extramural funding, including Title III grant funding; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Office
19 of Internal Audit is requested to include the following programs
20 in the audit:

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22 (1) 'A'ali'i Scholars Program;
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24 (2) 'Ike Ola;
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26 (3) Mobile High-Touch, High Tech Learning Environment
27 Program;
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29 (4) Kūkulu ma ke Kahua;
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31 (5) PIKO Project;
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33 (6) University of Hawaii West Oahu Pueo Scholars;
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35 (7) University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Community
36 College cooperative arrangement development grant; and
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38 (8) Ho'okahua; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit by the University of
41 Hawaii Office of Internal Audit is requested to include but not



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1 be limited to travel completion reports associated with the
2 various programs that receive extramural funding; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Office
5 of Internal Audit is requested to submit a report of its
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
12 of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, Chancellor of
13 the University of Hawaii West Oahu, and Director of the
14 University of Hawaii Office of Internal Audit.
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