
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF
DOMESTIC OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a tropical destination for tourists and
2 students alike; and
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4 WHEREAS, as the State seeks to diversify its economy, it is
5 critical for businesses and industries to provide good jobs and
6 growth potential; and
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8 WHEREAS, the education sector is capable of providing both
9 good jobs and growth potential; and
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11 WHEREAS, in a report dated October 2020 and titled, "The
12 Economic Impact of International Students in Hawaii--2020
13 Update" (2020 Report), the Department of Business, Economic
14 Development, and Tourism analyzed the impact of international
15 students on Hawaii's economy; and
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17 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report estimated that, in calendar year
18 2019, international students directly contributed \$185,000,000
19 to the state economy in living expenses and tuition, among other
20 economic activities; and
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22 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report also estimated the "ripple
23 effect", or indirect economic impact, of international students,
24 as follows:
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26 (1) \$381,200,00 in economic output generated, including
27 direct, indirect, and induced effects;
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29 (2) \$29,200,000 in state taxes generated;
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31 (3) \$168,400,000 in household income generated; and
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1 (4) Nearly four thousand jobs supported by international
2 student spending; and
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4 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report illustrates the powerful economic
5 impact of international students in the State, and, by
6 implication, the powerful impact that other out-of-state
7 students likely have on the economy as well; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
13 conduct a study on the economic impacts of domestic out-of-state
14 students, i.e., non-international students, on the state
15 economy, in similar scope and form as the 2020 Report; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the
18 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is
19 requested to analyze the economic impacts of all domestic, out-
20 of-state students in the State, including four-year degree
21 students, two-year degree students, and short-term students; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
24 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
25 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
27 September 1, 2023; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

