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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO  
CREATE A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME COLLEGE  
AND TO ESTABLISH A MARITIME COLLEGE.

1           WHEREAS, the maritime industry is the most important part  
2 of the State's critical supply chain and a longstanding source  
3 of family-sustaining union jobs; and  
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5           WHEREAS, there is a shortage of licensed mariners in the  
6 State; and  
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8           WHEREAS, employers more frequently hire licensed mariners  
9 who have graduated with a baccalaureate degree from an  
10 accredited maritime college; and  
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12           WHEREAS, maritime colleges award baccalaureate degrees and  
13 prepare students for International Convention on Standards of  
14 Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers  
15 certification and licensing by the United States Coast Guard;  
16 and  
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18           WHEREAS, there is no maritime college in Hawaii; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Hawaii residents must leave the State to receive  
21 the education necessary for a maritime career; and  
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23           WHEREAS, maritime colleges are routinely highly ranked in  
24 degree value and social mobility; and  
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26           WHEREAS, maritime colleges have an outstanding reputation  
27 for offering career pathways that improve the economic  
28 conditions of frontline and marginalized communities; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is the premier higher  
2 education institution in the State and serves the intellectual,  
3 educational, research, and workforce development interests of  
4 the people of Hawaii; and

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6           WHEREAS, this body considers all offshore energy production  
7 to be marine energy; and

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9           WHEREAS, the establishment of a maritime college as part of  
10 the University of Hawaii System would encourage the development  
11 of a local workforce in maritime and related marine industries;  
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14           WHEREAS, a maritime college would provide valuable research  
15 and workforce development in the areas of maritime studies,  
16 marine transportation, marine engineering, marine biology,  
17 environmental protection, oceanography, marine energy, ship  
18 building, marine communications systems, maritime policy and  
19 law, labor studies, Polynesian voyaging, languages, and maritime  
20 history; and

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22           WHEREAS, a maritime college would also provide a well-  
23 rounded education in arts, science, social sciences, and  
24 Hawaiian studies with a focus on oceans; and

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26           WHEREAS, graduates from a maritime college would be well  
27 prepared for United States Coast Guard deck and engine  
28 licensing; now, therefore,

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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
33 Hawaii is urged to convene a working group to create a plan for  
34 the establishment of a maritime college; and

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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
37 to consist of the following individuals:

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39           (1) The President of the University of Hawaii System, or  
40 the President's designee;



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- 1           (2) The Vice President for Academic Strategy of the  
2           University of Hawaii, or the Vice President's  
3           designee;
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- 5           (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
6           appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
7           Representatives;
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- 9           (4) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
10          President of the Senate;
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- 12          (5) The Regional Director of the Hawaii Region of the  
13          Inlandboatman's Union of the Pacific, or the Regional  
14          Director's designee; and
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- 16          (6) The President of the International Longshore and  
17          Warehouse Union, Local 142, or the President's  
18          designee; and
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
21 to invite any other knowledgeable member of the public, who  
22 shall be added to the working group by majority vote; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals or  
25 their designees are requested to join the working group as ex  
26 officio members to provide input and clarification on matters  
27 relating to sites, facilities, equipment, and state needs:  
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- 29          (1) The Director of Transportation;
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- 31          (2) The Comptroller; and
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- 33          (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
34          Resources; and
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
37 to consider and make recommendations on:  
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- 39          (1) Potential sites for a temporary and permanent campus  
40          for a maritime college;
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- 1           (2) The development of a training fleet using existing
- 2           University of Hawaii resources as well as procurement
- 3           of a vessel through the United States Maritime
- 4           Administration;
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- 6           (3) Plans to secure a traditional land grant as well as an
- 7           important natural harbor areas land grant;
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- 9           (4) Potential federal grant funding sources;
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- 11           (5) The development of a comprehensive accreditation
- 12           strategy;
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- 14           (6) The maritime college's curriculum, including the
- 15           incorporation of union apprenticeships; and
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- 17           (7) The administrative structure of the maritime college;
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

21 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and

22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later

23 than December 1, 2023; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the University of

26 Hawaii to establish a maritime college as soon as possible and

27 in appropriate consultation with the working group; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the

31 University of Hawaii System, Chairperson of the Board of Land

32 and Natural Resources, Comptroller, Director of Transportation,

33 Maritime Administrator of the United States Maritime

34 Administration, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional

35 delegation.

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