
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, OR HOOKAULIKE, AT THE WILLIAM
S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW.

1 WHEREAS, the criminal justice system in Hawaii has a
2 disparate impact on Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and
3 other persons of color; and
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5 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders comprise
6 approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's adult population but
7 account for more than forty percent of the population in the
8 State's prisons; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs found that Native
11 Hawaiians are more likely to receive prison sentences, and to
12 receive comparatively longer prison sentences, than
13 non-indigenous persons who commit the same crimes; and
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15 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and other
16 persons of color often experience intergenerational poverty and
17 trauma, insufficient support services, inadequate housing, poor
18 health outcomes, and other systemic challenges that contribute
19 to their disproportionate rate of incarceration; and
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21 WHEREAS, addressing these issues requires community
22 engagement; a multi-disciplinary approach; and evidence-based
23 policies, goals, and guidelines; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the University of
28 Hawaii is urged to establish a restorative justice research
29 institute, or Hookaulike, at the William S. Richardson School of
30 Law; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if established, the Hookaulike
2 is encouraged to:

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- 4 (1) Advise the State on the creation of a fair and
5 inclusive criminal justice system that addresses the
6 disparate challenges facing Native Hawaiians, Pacific
7 Islanders, and other persons of color, and emphasizes
8 restoration and healing;
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- 10 (2) Facilitate collaborations between the William S.
11 Richardson School of Law, Hawaiiinuiakea School of
12 Hawaiian Knowledge, Thompson School of Social Work and
13 Public Health, and University of Hawaii Community
14 Design Center;
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- 16 (3) Develop advocacy programs to assist vulnerable
17 communities in Hawaii, including Native Hawaiians,
18 Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color, to
19 ensure the communities have inclusive, culturally
20 appropriate, and fair representation in the State's
21 criminal justice system;
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- 23 (4) Conduct and promote research, and hold academic and
24 professional conferences, to provide recommendations
25 for evidence-based improvements to county, state, and
26 federal criminal justice systems, including
27 improvements to laws, policies, methods, rules, and
28 procedures; and
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- 30 (5) Arrange regular discussions among state and county
31 agencies, private and nonprofit organizations, the
32 Judiciary's Criminal Justice Research Institute, and
33 other stakeholders to evaluate issues relevant to
34 policing, prosecutions, and corrections; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the
38 University of Hawaii Board of Regents; Deans of the William S.
39 Richardson School of Law, Hawaiiinuiakea School of Hawaiian
40 Knowledge, and Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health;
41 Principal Investigators of the University of Hawaii Community

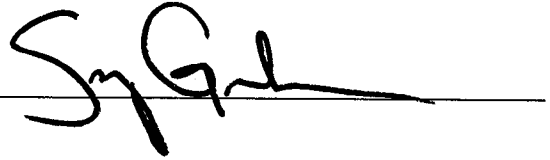


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1 Design Center; and Director of the Criminal Justice Research
2 Institute.

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