
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU TO ESTABLISH
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY,
FOOD SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for more baccalaureate degree
2 programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu; and
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4 WHEREAS, there is also a need for agricultural technology
5 and food technology programs in leeward and central Oahu; and
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7 WHEREAS, the majority of the State's farmers are nearing
8 the age of retirement, and without new farmers, food production
9 in the State will decline; and
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11 WHEREAS, to increase the number of new farmers in the
12 State, the State needs agricultural technology and food
13 technology programs that introduce new technologies and products
14 into the agricultural industry; and
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16 WHEREAS, new technologies will capture the attention of
17 students who have expressed interest in farming through their
18 participation in the National FFA Organization, formerly known
19 as Future Farmers of America, in the State's public schools; and
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21 WHEREAS, there is also a need for teaching programs in
22 leeward and central Oahu; and
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24 WHEREAS, more teachers who are willing to work in rural
25 areas are needed in schools located in leeward and central Oahu
26 and on the North Shore of Oahu, with the highest need being
27 along the leeward coast; and
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29 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu is accredited
30 to offer baccalaureate degree programs; and
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1 WHEREAS, new programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu
2 can become extensions for interested students enrolled at other
3 University of Hawaii campuses where similar programs are not
4 offered; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
9 Hawaii West Oahu is urged to establish baccalaureate degree
10 programs in agricultural technology, food science, and
11 education; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
15 University of Hawaii System and Chancellor of the University of
16 Hawaii West Oahu.

