
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, TO DEVELOP
A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT
DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS
WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, the State's economic vitality depends on a skilled
2 workforce that meets the needs of key regional industries,
3 including tourism and hospitality, agriculture, marine research,
4 renewable energy, and health care; and
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6 WHEREAS, each of the University of Hawaii Community
7 Colleges plays a vital role in providing accessible,
8 regionally-relevant higher education that supports local
9 economic development; and
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11 WHEREAS, aligning academic programs with current and
12 emerging job opportunities in each region will benefit students,
13 local employers, and the overall economic growth of the State;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
19 Community Colleges, including the University of Hawaii Maui
20 College, are requested to develop a comprehensive list of
21 Bachelor's degree programs that directly align with job
22 opportunities and industry needs within their respective region
23 of service; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing the list, the
26 University of Hawaii Community Colleges, including the
27 University of Hawaii Maui College, are requested to evaluate the



1 regional economic drivers and their respective areas of strength
2 and align programming accordingly; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii
5 Community Colleges, including the University of Hawaii Maui
6 College, are requested to collaborate with local industry
7 leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are designed
8 in accordance with current labor market data and the specific
9 economic needs of each region; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
13 University of Hawaii, Vice President for Community Colleges of
14 the University of Hawaii, and Chancellor of the University of
15 Hawaii Maui College.

