THE SENATE
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STATE OF HAWAII

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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES 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.

WHEREAS, the State's economic vitality depends on a skilled workforce that meets the needs of key regional industries, including tourism and hospitality, agriculture, marine research, renewable energy, and health care; and

WHEREAS, each of the University of Hawaii Community Colleges plays a vital role in providing accessible, regionally-relevant higher education that supports local economic development; and

WHEREAS, aligning academic programs with current and emerging job opportunities in each region will benefit students, local employers, and the overall economic growth of the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in developing the list, the University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested to evaluate the regional economic drivers and their respective areas of strength and align programming accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested to collaborate with local industry leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are designed in accordance with current labor market data and the specific economic needs of each region; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii and Vice President for Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii.

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