
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES SUMMER TUITION
PILOT PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, financial insecurity affects a large number of
2 community college students, many of whom struggle to afford the
3 base tuition rate; and

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5 WHEREAS, community colleges are more than a pathway to 4-
6 year institutions, as they offer trade and technical
7 certificates, such as nursing, cosmetology, culinary, and more;
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10 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1779 H.D. 2, Regular Session of
11 2024 (H.B. 1779), a measure attempting to remove a financial
12 barrier to entry, establishes a three-year summer tuition pilot
13 program to provide funding to the University of Hawaii Community
14 Colleges to offset the costs aligning the resident tuition rates
15 for the summer semester with the resident tuition rates for the
16 spring and fall semesters at the community colleges; and

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18 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Community Colleges have
19 represented in their public testimony on House Bill No. 1779,
20 that they are in the process of designing a pilot program that
21 would provide the lower summer tuition rate in the summer to
22 matriculated continuing students and entering high school
23 students; 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 2024, the Senate concurring, that there is
28 established a working group to evaluate the effectiveness of the
29 University of Hawaii Community Colleges Summer Tuition Pilot
30 Program; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group be co-chaired by a member of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and a member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Working Group invite any other appropriate person to join the membership of the Working Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to assist the Working Group with finalizing the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii; University of Hawaii Vice President for Community Colleges; and Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

OFFERED BY:

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