
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM
WIDE SENIOR CITIZEN VISITOR PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZEN
STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, prior to 1995, there existed a Hawaii state law
2 that required the University of Hawaii to allow senior citizens
3 who were age sixty or older and Hawaii residents to enroll in
4 university courses without payment of tuition or fees; and
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6 WHEREAS, Act 161, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, repealed
7 this and other statutorily mandated tuition waiver programs as
8 part of an initiative to allow the University of Hawaii System
9 to set tuition policies and thereby exert direct management over
10 the resources being generated at the university and community
11 college campuses; and
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13 WHEREAS, since the repeal of this law, the University of
14 Hawaii at Manoa campus has instituted the Senior Citizen Visitor
15 Program, which allows seniors to visit university courses free
16 of charge; provided that they have the consent of the
17 instructors, are not awarded university credits, and there is
18 space available in the course; and
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20 WHEREAS, amongst the other University of Hawaii campuses
21 and community colleges, there seems to be disparate treatment of
22 senior citizens who request to attend courses as visitors,
23 ranging from a strict prohibition, to a case-by-case exception
24 by campus administration, to permission being extended by
25 individual faculty members; and
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27 WHEREAS, many other state university systems still maintain
28 either through law or policy, programs to allow tuition-free
29 attendance by senior citizens in university courses; and
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31 WHEREAS, as expressed in the University of Hawaii at Manoa
32 program policy, the presence of senior citizens on the



