
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the foundations of international education are:

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3 (1) The mobility of students and scholars who serve as
4 cultural ambassadors between and among countries by
5 participating in programs such as exchanges and study
6 abroad;

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8 (2) A curriculum that teaches foreign languages, addresses
9 global issues, and provides in-depth understanding of
10 other cultures; and

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12 (3) Collaborative multi-national research that leads to
13 new knowledge and technological breakthroughs;

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17 WHEREAS, with today's increasingly complex international
18 trade relations, concern for the preservation of our global
19 environment, and the constant goal of world peace, the promotion
20 and support of international education becomes increasingly
21 important to our national security, foreign policy, economic
22 competitiveness, and capacity for tolerance; and

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24 WHEREAS, because tourism and foreign trade are key sectors
25 of Hawaii's economic future, it is vital that this State
26 promotes mutual understanding between the people of Hawaii and
27 citizens of other countries through international education
28 programs in a variety of settings, including public and private
29 elementary and secondary schools; colleges, universities, and
30 other proprietary academic institutions; and other educational
31 and research organizations; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii enrolled over 6,000 international students
2 at the post-secondary level alone during the 2005-2006 academic
3 year but sends less than two percent of its local students
4 abroad to study each year, while the most competitive U.S.
5 educational institutions are increasing their targets to have 10
6 percent to 100 percent of their students engage in formal
7 international study prior to graduation; and

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9 WHEREAS, international education enhances social and
10 cultural diversity both in and out of the classroom, and
11 contributes in excess of \$110 million to the state economy each
12 year; and

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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii has historically welcomed immigrants who
15 bring diverse talents and perspectives; and

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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii's educational institutions must continue to
18 strengthen their capacity to provide necessary skills,
19 knowledge, and training for new residents from abroad, while
20 increasing opportunities for local students to acquire the
21 linguistic and intercultural skills to interact effectively
22 within the changing multicultural context of the state; and

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24 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S.
25 Department of Education have sponsored a nationwide
26 International Education Week since 2000 to raise Americans'
27 awareness of the importance of international education; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation on November 6,
30 2006, declaring the week of November 13 through 17, 2006, as
31 International Education Week in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
35 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
36 finds that international education is an essential component of
37 Hawaii's future; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports and
2 encourages international education to ensure that students and
3 future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global
4 society; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that
7 the international students and scholars of this state contribute
8 significantly to the cultural diversity of Hawaii's educational
9 institutions and, through their representation, enhance the
10 educational experience of all students while making important
11 contributions, and the Legislature therefore supports the
12 participation of Hawaii's students, teachers, administrators,
13 and educational policymakers in international studies and
14 exchange programs, and other activities that advance
15 intercultural awareness and promote mutual understanding and
16 respect for the citizens of other countries; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages
19 colleges and universities to:

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- 21 (1) Develop and enhance courses of study to increase
22 students' understanding of global issues and cultural
23 differences;
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25 (2) Continue efforts to further develop courses in foreign
26 languages to prepare students to seek careers in a
27 global marketplace and enhance their understanding of
28 the values of other nations;
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30 (3) Facilitate the presence of qualified students from
31 other countries with sufficient geographic diversity
32 to inspire an appreciation for differences among
33 cultures and a deeper understanding of the values and
34 perspectives of other people;
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36 (4) Facilitate scholarly exchanges and collaborative
37 research partnerships with educational institutions in
38 other countries;



- 1 (5) Encourage educational institutions to recruit and
- 2 retain excellent faculty to enable Hawaii's students
- 3 to become competent global citizens;
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- 5 (6) Develop greater participation in education abroad
- 6 programs by local students in all disciplines,
- 7 especially underrepresented students who historically
- 8 have not participated in such opportunities;
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- 10 (7) Support the efforts of educational institutions to
- 11 provide opportunities for domestic and international
- 12 students to interact effectively and routinely to
- 13 share their views, perceptions, and experiences; and
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- 15 (8) Develop innovative public educational forums and
- 16 venues to explore global issues and showcase world
- 17 cultures;

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature
22 will consider these goals when creating laws that will impact
23 international education efforts in the state; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
27 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chair of
28 the Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii,
29 Chair of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education,
30 and the respective executive directors of the University of
31 Hawaii Professional Assembly, NAFSA: Association of
32 International Educators, Hawaii Association of Independent
33 Schools, and Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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