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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A COMPARISON STUDY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF SIMILAR  
STATE UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION.

1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents  
2 (BOR) manages and controls the general affairs, and has  
3 exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management,  
4 and operation of UH, and also serves as the State Board for  
5 Career and Technical Education; and

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7           WHEREAS, as part of its powers and as prescribed by  
8 sections 304A-105 and 304A-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the  
9 BOR:

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11           (1) May purchase or otherwise acquire lands, buildings,  
12           appliances, and other property for the purposes of UH,  
13           and may expend available funds;  
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15           (2) Shall manage the inventory, equipment, surplus  
16           property, and expenditures of UH, and may adopt rules  
17           to do so;  
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19           (3) Shall develop internal policies and procedures for the  
20           procurement of goods, services, and construction;  
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22           (4) May enter into concession agreements; and  
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24           (5) May receive, manage, and invest moneys or other  
25           property that may be given, bequeathed, devised, or  
26           otherwise received from sources other than the  
27           Legislature or any federal appropriation for the  
28           purpose of UH, its improvement or adornment, or the  
29           aid or advantage of students or faculty, and in  
30           general act as trustee on behalf of UH for these  
31           purposes or objects;

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1 WHEREAS, currently, the BOR is composed of twelve members,  
2 including a student member, who are appointed by the Governor  
3 and generally serve four-year terms or until their successors  
4 have been appointed and have qualified;

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6 WHEREAS, members of the BOR serve without pay but are  
7 entitled to expenses for their travel within the state when  
8 attending meetings or engaging in business related to the work  
9 of the BOR; and

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11 WHEREAS, other state universities across the nation also  
12 have boards of regents that govern the affairs of their  
13 respective institutions and carry out their specific duties  
14 according to their own sets of rules and procedures to achieve  
15 their defined missions; and

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17 WHEREAS, it is wise to take a step back from time to time  
18 and evaluate one's organization as part of a larger scheme and  
19 in comparison with similar organizations, so that one may gain  
20 an awareness of ways in which their own organization can be  
21 improved, especially when the organization is constantly under  
22 scrutiny by the public eye; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
27 Hawaii is requested to perform a comparison study on the powers  
28 and responsibilities of the Board of Regents of the University  
29 of Hawaii in relation to state statutes and the boards of  
30 regents of similar state universities across the nation with the  
31 intent of enabling the BOR to:

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33 (1) Delegate those matters that should be delegated; and  
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35 (2) Retain those matters that meet their fiduciary  
36 responsibility for the UH; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to submit a  
39 report of its findings and any recommendations to the  
40 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
41 Regular Session of 2008;

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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University  
3 of Hawaii Board of Regents and President of the University of  
4 Hawaii.  
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