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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE P-20 COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
REPORT ON EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii P-20 Council, sponsored by the
2 University of Hawaii, the Department of Education, and Good
3 Beginnings Alliance, brings together public and private
4 educators at all levels, working in collaboration with
5 representatives from state government, the business community,
6 labor, and educational support agencies to focus on implementing
7 learner achievement in Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the "P" in the P-20 Council refers to provisions
10 for early learning, not only in preschools, but in any setting,
11 and the "20" refers to the years of schooling thereafter –
12 beyond a college degree and even beyond graduate school; and
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14 WHEREAS, P-20 is the code for lifelong learning; and
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16 WHEREAS, early awareness of college opportunities for
17 elementary and middle school students, e.g. college campus
18 visits; school visits of university students, faculty, staff,
19 and alumni; weekend and summer projects; online interactions
20 with information on the benefits of college degrees; academic
21 entrance requirements; and financial aid and other related
22 topics, will help increase the number and success of college
23 students, particularly those from low-income communities; and
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25 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, Manoa, West Oahu, and
26 Hilo campuses, and the community colleges have early college
27 awareness programs such as GEAR UP Hawaii, Na Pua No'eau, Talent
28 Search, and SEED projects to help young children, their
29 families, and teachers prepare for and apply to college
30 programs; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at
2 Manoa will be establishing a campus wide task force chaired by
3 the Vice Chancellor for Students on Manoa pre-college awareness
4 programs, particularly programs with the Department of Education
5 middle and elementary school students; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
10 Hawaii is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
12 Session of 2008 on the Manoa Chancellor's task force on early
13 college awareness programs, that includes recommendations to
14 improve and expand early college awareness programs for middle
15 and elementary school students; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii P-20 Council is
18 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
19 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
20 2008 on its efforts and recommendations to improve and expand
21 early college awareness programs for middle and elementary
22 school students; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
26 University of Hawaii, the Chancellors of the University of
27 Hawaii campuses, the Superintendent of Education, and the
28 Executive Director of Good Beginnings Alliance.
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