
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLAND STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO
IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies within the
2 School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University
3 of Hawaii at Manoa is the only congressionally-recognized
4 national resource center for the study of the Pacific Islands;
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7 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies, with its
8 forty-two core and affiliate faculty members, possesses
9 unparalleled expertise in the field of Pacific Island studies;
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12 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies serves the
13 Pacific region and its people through its commitment to the
14 dynamic, active, and constructive exchange of knowledge on the
15 Pacific Islands; and

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17 WHEREAS, it functions as both an academic department and a
18 larger base for initiatives that bring together people and
19 resources to promote an understanding of the Pacific Islands and
20 issues of concern to Pacific Islanders, including the Pacific
21 Islanders currently residing within Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, there is a need to identify and address the needs
24 of Pacific Islanders, including those from Micronesia, in
25 Hawaii; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies would be the
28 appropriate choice to convene and lead a task force to identify
29 and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; now,
30 therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
34 that the Center for Pacific Island Studies is requested to



1 convene and lead a task force to identify and address the needs
2 of Pacific Islanders, including those from Micronesia, in
3 Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
6 submit a report, including any proposed legislation, to the
7 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the 2008 Regular Session; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School of Hawaiian,
12 Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

