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

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

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

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

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
28 that the University of Hawaii is requested to perform a  
29 comparison study of the Board of Regents of the University of  
30 Hawaii and the boards of regents of similar state universities  
31 across the nation; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include the following  
34 information relating to boards of regents:

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36 (1) Powers and responsibilities;  
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38 (2) Frequency of board meetings;  
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40 (3) The appointment process of the members;



- 1 (4) The number of members;
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- 3 (5) The number of members who are from out-of-state; and
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- 5 (6) Compensation for members;
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to submit a  
10 report of its findings and any recommendations to the  
11 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
12 Regular Session of 2008; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University  
16 of Hawaii Board of Regents and President of the University of  
17 Hawaii.

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