HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CREATES A TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION EXTENSION SERVICE.

WHEREAS, in this global economy, the people and businesses of the United States need to remain current on the various technological developments to remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, in the past, when there was a need to educate the average citizen outside of formal classrooms, an extension of the local university was established to provide a service that enabled consumers to keep up-to-date with trends and evolving technology; and

WHEREAS, this "Extension Service" also enabled universities to attract additional funding for research activities that would directly benefit consumers; and

WHEREAS, our location at the hub of the Pacific and our unique way of life put us in a position to be a model for innovative thinking throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, growing environmental concerns as well as the need for renewable energy amplify the need for new ideas that can lead our state towards being more self-sustaining as well as providing a competitive employment base; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii System is requested to create a Technology and Innovation Extension Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the educational opportunity provided by the Technology and Innovation Extension Service be available to those who are not enrolled as students; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the researched based information provided by the Technology and Innovation Extension Service shall be free to all those who seek it; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Technology and Innovation Extension Service should stimulate the use of new technology and spur innovation as a means to sustain and enhance our way of life; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:

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