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HOUSE RESOLUTION

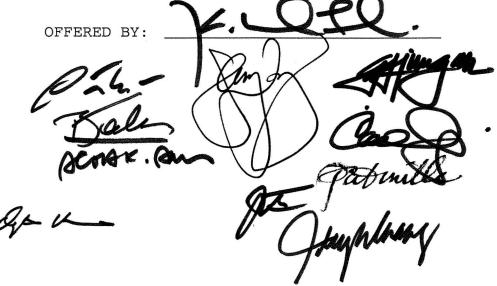
URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO OPPOSE H.R. 4137, THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007.

WHEREAS, H.R. 4137, the federal College Opportunity and 1 Affordability Act of 2007 is intended to assist the American 2 3 public in pursuing a college education; and 4 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 encourages colleges to reign-in tuition 5 costs and provides prospective students and their families with 6 helpful information; and 7 8 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 was intended to restore integrity and 9 accountability to student loan programs, simplify the federal 10 student aid application process, and make textbook costs more 11 manageable; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, to achieve these and other objectives, H.R. 4137 dictates to the states budgetary mandates that require the 15 states to fund public higher education in an amount: 16 17 (1) equal to or greater than the average amount 18 19 provided by such State to such institutions of higher education during the 5 most recent 20 preceding academic years for which satisfactory 21 data are available; or (2) equal to or greater 22 than the amount provided by such State to such 23 24 institutions of higher education during the preceding academic year; and 25 26 WHEREAS, under the threat of withholding federal higher 27 education funds to the states, H.R. 4137 intrudes upon a state's 28 right to operate and fund its own public college or university; 29 and 30 31 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 ignores a state's higher education goals 32 and objectives that may be crafted to serve its distinctively 33 34 unique constituency; and 35



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1 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 also ignores the budget priorities of 2 the states to govern and support higher education programs that are democratically proposed by state policy makers; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 violates the federalism doctrine by allowing the federal government to overstep its boundaries into 6 an area that has traditionally been the exclusive domain of the 7 states; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, H.R. 4137 recently passed in the United States House of Representative and is being considered in the United 11 States Senate; now, therefore, 12 13 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 15 16 Session of 2008, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged to oppose H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability 17 18 Act of 2007; and 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 20 21 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional delegation, the President of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson 22 of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. 23 24 25 26 OFFERED BY:



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