HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA, NAFSA: ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS, AND THE HAWAII HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM AND PRODUCE A FILM PROMOTING HAWAII AS AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING DESTINATION OF CHOICE.

WHEREAS, Hawaii is recognized the world over as a worldclass tourist destination and tourism is a major source of economic activity in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii should capitalize on its reputation as a world-class tourist destination by attracting "educational tourists" who might pursue a short-term training course or full degree programs in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's 2007-2008 enrollment of 5,645 international students ranks $31^{\rm st}$ among the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, international students are a clean industry for Hawaii and their presence helps to expose Hawaii's citizenry to the world; and

WHEREAS, this kind of interaction is essential for preparing Hawaii's youth to collaborate and compete successfully in the $21^{\rm st}$ century; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) in partnership with the University of

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24 25 Hawaii Academy for Creative Media, NAFSA: Association of
International Educators, and the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging
Association is requested to determine costs and funding options.
for production of a short film that can be broadcasted
throughout Waikiki hotels to promote Hawaii as an education and
training destination of choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to conduct a
study to determine the courses and programs offered in Hawaii by

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to conduct a study to determine the courses and programs offered in Hawaii by UH, other institutions of higher education, and organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HVCB and UH are requested to submit their findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and the University of Hawaii Academy for Creative Media.