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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP OF STUDENTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PARTIES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MODIFIED PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS.

1           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 304A-104, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, the University of Hawaii Board of Regents consists of  
3 fifteen members who serve five year terms; provided that the  
4 term of the student member shall be two years; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Act 56, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, created the  
7 Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the  
8 University of Hawaii to establish the criteria for qualifying,  
9 screening, and presenting to the Governor pools of qualified  
10 candidates from which the members of the Board of Regents shall  
11 be nominated and, by and with the consent of the Senate,  
12 appointed by the Governor; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Advisory Council is responsible for:  
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- 16           (1) Developing and distributing a statement to potential  
17 candidates that includes the selection criteria to be  
18 applied and a description of the responsibilities and  
19 duties of a member of the Board of Regents;  
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- 21           (2) Screening and qualifying candidates for each position  
22 on the Board based on their background, experience,  
23 and potential for discharging the responsibilities of  
24 a member of the Board;  
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- 26           (3) Advertising pending vacancies and actively soliciting  
27 and accepting applications from potential candidates;  
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1 (4) Developing and implementing a fair, independent, and  
2 nonpartisan procedure for selecting candidates to  
3 serve on the Board; and  
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5 (5) Requiring candidate disclose of contracts or financial  
6 transactions with the University of Hawaii; and  
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8 WHEREAS, while, in general, this process has resulted in  
9 pools of candidates who are qualified to accept and discharge  
10 the responsibilities and duties of a member of the Board of  
11 Regents; and  
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13 WHEREAS, this process, however, does not differentiate  
14 between a member of the Board of Regents who may be appointed to  
15 serve a full five-year term and the student member, who is  
16 appointed to serve a two-year term; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the role of the student member of the Board of  
19 Regents is challenging and may require additional considerations  
20 in selecting candidates for the student member; now, therefore,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Regents Candidate  
25 Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of  
26 Hawaii is urged to convene a working group of students and other  
27 appropriate parties to develop and implement a modified process  
28 for the selection of the candidates for the student member of  
29 the University of Hawaii Board of Regents; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
32 to establish a process to ensure student involvement in the  
33 recruitment and evaluation of candidates for the student member  
34 of the Board of Regents prior to submission of the candidate  
35 pool to the Governor; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include the  
38 University of Hawaii Student Caucus, the Associate Vice  
39 President of Student Affairs for the University of Hawaii  
40 System, student life staff advisors from the various campuses,  
41 and other appropriate parties; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regents Candidate Advisory  
44 Council for the Board of Regents is requested to report its

1 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than  
2 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2010;  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Regents Candidate  
7 Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of  
8 Hawaii, the University of Hawaii Student Caucus, and the  
9 Associate Vice President of Student Affairs for the University  
10 of Hawaii System.