
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS
TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP OF STUDENTS TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A MODIFIED PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE
CANDIDATES FOR THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE 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 to establish
8 the criteria for qualifying, screening, and presenting to the
9 Governor pools of qualified candidates from which the members of
10 the Board of Regents shall be nominated and, by and with the
11 consent of the Senate, appointed by the Governor; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Advisory Council is responsible for:
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- 15 (1) Developing and distributing a statement to potential
16 candidates that includes the selection criteria to be
17 applied and a description of the responsibilities and
18 duties of a member of the Board of Regents;
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- 20 (2) Screening and qualifying candidates for each position
21 on the Board based on their background, experience,
22 and potential for discharging the responsibilities of
23 a member of the Board;
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- 25 (3) Advertising pending vacancies and actively soliciting
26 and accepting applications from potential candidates;
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- 28 (4) Developing and implementing a fair, independent, and
29 nonpartisan procedure for selecting candidates to
30 serve on the Board; and
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1 (5) Requiring candidate disclose of contracts or financial
2 transactions with the University of Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, while, in general, this process has resulted in
5 pools of candidates who are qualified to accept and discharge
6 the responsibilities and duties of a member of the Board of
7 Regents; and
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9 WHEREAS, this process, however, does not differentiate
10 between a member of the Board of Regents who may be appointed to
11 serve a full five-year term and the student member, who is
12 appointed to serve a two-year term; and
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14 WHEREAS, in addition to the differences in the length of
15 the terms, the student member is the only member of the Board of
16 Regents who represents a specific constituency, i.e., the
17 students of the University of Hawaii System; and
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19 WHEREAS, this constituency is extremely diverse, and the
20 student member represents students of all ages, from the first-
21 year community college level to the postgraduate level, on ten
22 campuses statewide; and
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24 WHEREAS, as a result, the role of the student member of the
25 Board of Regents is doubly challenging and may require
26 additional considerations in selecting candidates for the
27 student member; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Candidate Advisory
32 Council for the Board of Regents is urged to convene a working
33 group of students to develop and implement a modified process
34 for the selection of the candidates for the student member of
35 the University of Hawaii Board of Regents; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
38 to establish a process to ensure student involvement in the
39 recruitment and evaluation of candidates for the student member
40 of the Board of Regents prior to submission of the candidate
41 pool to the Governor; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include
44 representatives from each campus, the University of Hawaii

1 Student Caucus, the Associated Students of the University of
2 Hawaii, and other student organizations as may be appropriate;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Candidate Advisory Council
6 for the Board of Regents is requested to report its findings and
7 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
8 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Candidate Advisory
12 Council for the Board of Regents, the University of Hawaii
13 Student Caucus, and the Associated Students of the University of
14 Hawaii.