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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN OPERATIONAL AUDIT TO ASSESS
THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII'S OPERATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, an educational institution is classified as public
2 if it is controlled and managed directly by a public education
3 authority or agency, or if it is directly controlled and managed
4 by a government agency, or by a governing body, most of whose
5 members are appointed or elected by public franchise; and
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7 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is largely publicly
8 funded; and
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10 WHEREAS, there have been occasions where the University of
11 Hawaii has not executed contracts efficiently, resulting in
12 fiscal woes that have hurt students and faculty, and causing
13 unnecessary expenditures; and
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15 WHEREAS, an operational audit of the University of Hawaii
16 System may find problems that may not otherwise be found, which
17 will allow executives to evaluate risks for the future; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Senate created the Special Committee on
20 Accountability in 2012 to investigate the oversight,
21 accountability, and transparency of the operational and
22 financial management of the University of Hawaii System,
23 including but not limited to the University of Hawaii at Manoa
24 Athletic Department; and
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26 WHEREAS, an operational audit is a future-oriented,
27 systematic, and independent evaluation of an organization's
28 activities where the auditor thoroughly examines the
29 organization's efficiency and effectiveness in achieving its
30 objectives; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2015, Report No. 15-07, Audit of the Research
2 Corporation of the University of Hawaii: RCUH's Weak Plans
3 Limit Role, Reduce Accountability for Hiring and Procurement
4 Exemptions, noted two major problems in the University's
5 operations:
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- 7 (1) A conservative and complacent business approach
8 relegated the Research Corporation of the University
9 of Hawaii's role to a university service bureau; and
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11 (2) Improved oversight of projects was needed to ensure
12 the integrity of the Research Corporation of the
13 University of Hawaii's services and to improve the
14 accountability in the corporation's procurement
15 process; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
20 requested to conduct an operational audit on the University of
21 Hawaii to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of its
22 operations and determine whether the University is achieving its
23 mission; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature,
27 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents and
31 President of the University of Hawaii are requested to cooperate
32 with the Auditor; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson
36 of the Board of Regents, and President of the University of
37 Hawaii.
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