
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHINA-HAWAII COLLEGE STUDENT
EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN SHANXI UNIVERSITY AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
4 of Hawaii and the people of countries in the Asia-Pacific
5 region; and

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7 WHEREAS, the promotion of international friendship and
8 understanding between nations encourages peace between societies
9 with differing points of view; and

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11 WHEREAS, student exchange programs between the University
12 of Hawaii and other states and nations provide opportunities to
13 experience and learn first-hand about the diverse cultures of
14 people from around the nation and the globe; and

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16 WHEREAS, students involved in international student
17 exchange programs benefit through cultural and societal
18 immersion that could never be experienced in a classroom
19 setting; and

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21 WHEREAS, the international experience of studying, living,
22 and working abroad increases a graduate's chances of landing a
23 good job; and

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25 WHEREAS, having international students on American campuses
26 and American students on campuses overseas helps provide a more
27 international experience to students, especially for those
28 unable to study abroad; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program
31 between students from Hawaii and the Okinawa Prefecture of



1 Japan, now in its twenty-seventh year, has demonstrated the
2 benefits of student exchange programs established in Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, while the people of China and the people of Hawaii
5 share a long and storied history, as many residents of Hawaii
6 can trace their familial heritage to China, particularly
7 Southern China, major cultural and customary differences
8 continue to exist between the two societies; and
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10 WHEREAS, today Shanxi Province is not only known for its
11 coal mining industry, but also for its gardening, fruit
12 production, architecture, sculpture, carving, and other arts;
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15 WHEREAS, the establishment of a college student exchange
16 program between Shanxi University and the University of Hawaii
17 would help bridge cultural differences between American and
18 Chinese citizens through observation, interaction, cultural and
19 societal immersion, and dialogue; and
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21 WHEREAS, economic prosperity for both Shanxi Province and
22 Hawaii can also be achieved through the development of a college
23 student exchange program between Shanxi University and the
24 University of Hawaii as students returning to their respective
25 homes introduce family, friends, and others to the beauty and
26 cultures of each location visited; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
31 System is requested to establish a student exchange program
32 between students of Shanxi University and the University of
33 Hawaii; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program be known as the
36 "Shanxi University-University of Hawaii Student Exchange
37 Program"; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shanxi University-
40 University of Hawaii Student Exchange Program shall emphasize
41 and promote the fostering of communication, cooperation, and
42 courtesies among the participants; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 University of Hawaii System and the President of Shanxi
4 University.
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