
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF
DOMESTIC OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a tropical destination for tourists and
2 students alike; and
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4 WHEREAS, as the State seeks to diversify its economy, it is
5 critical for businesses and industries to provide good jobs and
6 growth potential; and
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8 WHEREAS, the education sector is capable of providing both
9 good jobs and growth potential; and
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11 WHEREAS, in an October 2020 report titled, *The Economic*
12 *Impact of International Students in Hawaii--2020 Update* (2020
13 Report), the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
14 Tourism analyzed the impact of international students on
15 Hawaii's economy; and
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17 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report estimated that, in calendar year
18 2019, international students directly contributed \$185,000,000
19 to the state economy in living expenses and tuition, among other
20 economic activities; and
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22 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report also estimated the "ripple
23 effect", or indirect economic impact, of international students,
24 as follows:
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26 (1) \$381,200,00 in economic output generated, including
27 direct, indirect, and induced effects;
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29 (2) \$29,200,000 in state taxes generated;
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31 (3) \$168,400,000 in household income generated; and
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1 (4) Nearly four thousand jobs supported by international
2 student spending; and
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4 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report illustrates the powerful economic
5 impact of international students in the State, and, by
6 implication, the powerful impact that other out-of-state
7 students likely have on the economy; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2022, that the Department of Business, Economic Development,
12 and Tourism is requested to conduct a study on the economic
13 impacts of domestic out-of-state students on the state economy,
14 in similar scope and form as the 2020 Report; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the
17 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is
18 requested to analyze the economic impacts of all domestic, out-
19 of-state students in the State, including four-year degree
20 students, two-year degree students, and short-term students; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
23 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
24 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
25 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
26 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
30 Development, and Tourism.
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