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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 a report dated October 2020 and titled, "The  
12 Economic Impact of International Students in Hawaii--2020  
13 Update" (2020 Report), the Department of Business, Economic  
14 Development, and Tourism analyzed the impact of international  
15 students on 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 as well; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
12 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to  
13 conduct a study on the economic impacts of domestic out-of-state  
14 students, i.e., non-international students, on the state  
15 economy, in similar scope and form as the 2020 Report; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
18 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is  
19 requested to analyze the economic impacts of all domestic, out-  
20 of-state students in the State, including four-year degree  
21 students, two-year degree students, and short-term students; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
24 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a  
25 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

