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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST OAHU TO REOPEN THEIR
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO
PROVIDE A PRE-NURSING PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2015, the University of Hawaii -
2 West Oahu partnered with the University of Hawaii at Hilo to
3 launch the Ike Maui Ola program, an innovative new pathway for
4 students interested in pursuing a career in nursing; and
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6 WHEREAS, under this partnership, interested students could
7 take pre-requisite nursing courses that are required for
8 application to accredited nursing programs in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, upon completion of the pre-nursing coursework,
11 West Oahu students could then apply to the Hilo campus' Bachelor
12 of Science in Nursing degree program; and
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14 WHEREAS, upon acceptance to the bachelor's degree program,
15 West Oahu students had the opportunity to take University of
16 Hawaii at Hilo nursing courses delivered from the West Oahu
17 campus in Kapolei and participate in hands-on classroom lab
18 activities via the West Oahu campus' Nursing Simulation
19 Laboratory; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Ike Maui Ola program was cancelled in 2017,
22 resulting in a lost pathway for nursing candidates who live in
23 central and west Oahu; and
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25 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
26 has highlighted the State's significant nursing shortage; and
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28 WHEREAS, had the University of Hawaii - West Oahu
29 maintained its partnership with the University of Hawaii at
30 Hilo, more nurses would have likely been available during the
31 onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
4 Hawaii - West Oahu is requested to re-establish its partnership
5 with the University of Hawaii at Hilo to provide a nursing
6 program similar to the Ike Maui Ola program, and a pathway for
7 students attending the University of Hawaii - West Oahu; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
11 University of Hawaii System.
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OFFERED BY

