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# SENATE 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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33           (4) Nearly four thousand jobs supported by international  
34 student spending; and



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2 WHEREAS, the 2020 Report illustrates the powerful economic  
3 impact of international students in the State, and, by  
4 implication, the powerful impact that other out-of-state  
5 students likely have on the economy as well; now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
9 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
10 Tourism is requested to conduct a study on the economic impacts  
11 of domestic out-of-state students, i.e., non-international  
12 students, on the state economy, in similar scope and form as the  
13 2020 Report; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
16 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is  
17 requested to analyze the economic impacts of all domestic, out-  
18 of-state students in the State, including four-year degree  
19 students, two-year degree students, and short-term students; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
22 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a  
23 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
24 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
25 September 1, 2023; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
29 Development, and Tourism.

