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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST OAHU TO RE-ESTABLISH  
ITS 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 canceled 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,  
3 that the University of Hawaii - West Oahu is requested to re-  
4 establish its partnership with the University of Hawaii at Hilo  
5 to provide a nursing program similar to the Ike Maui Ola  
6 program, and a pathway for students attending the University of  
7 Hawaii - West Oahu; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii - West  
10 Oahu is requested to independently establish or seek  
11 partnerships for the establishment of a permanent nursing  
12 program; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
16 Hawaii System.

