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