
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY,
FOOD SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for more baccalaureate degree
2 programs at the University of Hawaii Community Colleges; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is also a need for agricultural technology
5 and food technology programs in leeward and central Oahu; and

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7 WHEREAS, the majority of the State's farmers are nearing
8 the age of retirement, and without new farmers, food production
9 in the State will decline; and

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11 WHEREAS, to increase the number of new farmers in the
12 State, the State needs agricultural technology and food
13 technology programs that introduce new technologies and products
14 into the agricultural industry; and

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16 WHEREAS, new technologies will capture the attention of
17 students who have expressed interest in farming through their
18 participation in FFA, formerly known as Future Farmers of
19 America, in the State's public schools; and

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21 WHEREAS, there is also a need for teaching programs in
22 leeward and central Oahu and more teachers who are willing to
23 work in rural areas in schools located in leeward and central
24 Oahu and on the North Shore of Oahu, with the highest need being
25 along the Leeward Coast; and

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27 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Leeward Community College
28 is accredited to offer two baccalaureate degree programs; and

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30 WHEREAS, new programs at Leeward Community College can
31 become extensions for interested students enrolled in other



1 University of Hawaii Community Colleges who are unable to attend
2 Leeward Community College; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the University of
7 Hawaii Community Colleges are urged to establish baccalaureate
8 degree programs in agricultural technology, food science, and
9 education at Leeward Community College; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
13 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the
14 University of Hawaii System, University of Hawaii Vice President
15 for Community Colleges, and University of Hawaii Leeward
16 Community College Chancellor.

