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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO
CREATE A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME COLLEGE
AND TO ESTABLISH A MARITIME COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, the maritime industry is the most important part
2 of the State's critical supply chain and a longstanding source
3 of family-sustaining union jobs; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of licensed mariners in the
6 State; and
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8 WHEREAS, employers more frequently hire licensed mariners
9 who have graduated with a baccalaureate degree from an
10 accredited maritime college; and
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12 WHEREAS, maritime colleges award baccalaureate degrees and
13 prepare students for International Convention on Standards of
14 Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
15 certification and licensing by the United States Coast Guard;
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18 WHEREAS, there is no maritime college in Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents must leave the State to receive
21 the education necessary for a maritime career; and
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23 WHEREAS, maritime colleges are routinely highly ranked in
24 degree value and social mobility; and
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26 WHEREAS, maritime colleges have an outstanding reputation
27 for offering career pathways that improve the economic
28 conditions of frontline and marginalized communities; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is the premier higher
2 education institution in the State and serves the intellectual,
3 educational, research, and workforce development interests of
4 the people of Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, this body considers all offshore energy production
7 to be marine energy; and

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9 WHEREAS, the establishment of a maritime college as part of
10 the University of Hawaii System would encourage the development
11 of a local workforce in maritime and related marine industries;
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14 WHEREAS, a maritime college would provide valuable research
15 and workforce development in the areas of maritime studies,
16 marine transportation, marine engineering, marine biology,
17 environmental protection, oceanography, marine energy, ship
18 building, marine communications systems, maritime policy and
19 law, labor studies, Polynesian voyaging, languages, and maritime
20 history; and

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22 WHEREAS, a maritime college would also provide a well-
23 rounded education in arts, science, social sciences, and
24 Hawaiian studies with a focus on oceans; and

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26 WHEREAS, graduates from a maritime college would be well
27 prepared for United States Coast Guard deck and engine
28 licensing; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
33 Hawaii is urged to convene a working group to create a plan for
34 the establishment of a maritime college; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
37 to consist of the following individuals:

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39 (1) The President of the University of Hawaii System, or
40 the President's designee;



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- 1 (2) The Vice President for Academic Strategy of the
2 University of Hawaii, or the Vice President's
3 designee;
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- 5 (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives;
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- 9 (4) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
10 President of the Senate;
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- 12 (5) The Regional Director of the Hawaii Region of the
13 Inlandboatman's Union of the Pacific, or the Regional
14 Director's designee; and
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- 16 (6) The President of the International Longshore and
17 Warehouse Union, Local 142, or the President's
18 designee; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
21 to invite any other knowledgeable member of the public, who
22 shall be added to the working group by majority vote; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals or
25 their designees are requested to join the working group as ex
26 officio members to provide input and clarification on matters
27 relating to sites, facilities, equipment, and state needs:
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- 29 (1) The Director of Transportation;
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- 31 (2) The Comptroller; and
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- 33 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
34 Resources; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
37 to consider and make recommendations on:
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- 39 (1) Potential sites for a temporary and permanent campus
40 for a maritime college;
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- 1 (2) The development of a training fleet using existing
- 2 University of Hawaii resources as well as procurement
- 3 of a vessel through the United States Maritime
- 4 Administration;
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- 6 (3) Plans to secure a traditional land grant as well as an
- 7 important natural harbor areas land grant;
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- 9 (4) Potential federal grant funding sources;
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- 11 (5) The development of a comprehensive accreditation
- 12 strategy;
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- 14 (6) The maritime college's curriculum, including the
- 15 incorporation of union apprenticeships; and
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- 17 (7) The administrative structure of the maritime college;
- 18 and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

21 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and

22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later

23 than December 1, 2023; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the University of

26 Hawaii to establish a maritime college as soon as possible and

27 in appropriate consultation with the working group; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the

31 University of Hawaii System, Chairperson of the Board of Land

32 and Natural Resources, Comptroller, Director of Transportation,

33 Maritime Administrator of the United States Maritime

34 Administration, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional

35 delegation.

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OFFERED BY: 