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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU TO ESTABLISH  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY,  
FOOD SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION.

1           WHEREAS, there is a need for more baccalaureate degree  
2 programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu; 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 the National FFA Organization, formerly known  
19 as Future Farmers of 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

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24           WHEREAS, more teachers who are willing to work in rural  
25 areas are needed in schools located in leeward and central Oahu  
26 and on the North Shore of Oahu, with the highest need being  
27 along the leeward coast; and

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29           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu is accredited  
30 to offer baccalaureate degree programs; and

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32           WHEREAS, new programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu  
33 can become extensions for interested students enrolled at other



1 University of Hawaii campuses where similar programs are not  
2 offered; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
6 that the University of Hawaii West Oahu is urged to establish  
7 baccalaureate degree programs in agricultural technology, food  
8 science, and education; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
12 Hawaii System and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii West  
13 Oahu.

