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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, OR HOOKAULIKE, AT THE WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW.

1           WHEREAS, the criminal justice system in Hawaii has a  
2 disparate impact on Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and  
3 other persons of color; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders comprise  
6 approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's adult population but  
7 account for more than forty percent of the population in the  
8 State's prisons; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs found that Native  
11 Hawaiians are more likely to receive prison sentences, and to  
12 receive comparatively longer prison sentences, than  
13 non-indigenous persons who commit the same crimes; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and other  
16 persons of color often experience intergenerational poverty and  
17 trauma, insufficient support services, inadequate housing, poor  
18 health outcomes, and other systemic challenges that contribute  
19 to their disproportionate rate of incarceration; and  
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21           WHEREAS, addressing these issues requires community  
22 engagement; a multi-disciplinary approach; and evidence-based  
23 polices, goals, and guidelines; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2023, that the University of Hawaii is urged to  
28 establish a restorative justice research institute, or  
29 Hookaulike, at the William S. Richardson School of Law; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if established, the Hookaulike  
2 is encouraged to:

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- 4 (1) Advise the State on the creation of a fair and  
5 inclusive criminal justice system that addresses the  
6 disparate challenges facing Native Hawaiians, Pacific  
7 Islanders, and other persons of color, and emphasizes  
8 restoration and healing;
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- 10 (2) Facilitate collaborations between the William S.  
11 Richardson School of Law, Hawaiiinuiakea School of  
12 Hawaiian Knowledge, Thompson School of Social Work and  
13 Public Health, and University of Hawaii Community  
14 Design Center;
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- 16 (3) Develop advocacy programs to assist vulnerable  
17 communities in Hawaii, including Native Hawaiians,  
18 Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color, to  
19 ensure the communities have inclusive, culturally  
20 appropriate, and fair representation in the State's  
21 criminal justice system;
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- 23 (4) Conduct and promote research, and hold academic and  
24 professional conferences, to provide recommendations  
25 for evidence-based improvements to county, state, and  
26 federal criminal justice systems, including  
27 improvements to laws, policies, methods, rules, and  
28 procedures; and
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- 30 (5) Arrange regular discussions among state and county  
31 agencies, private and nonprofit organizations, the  
32 Judiciary's Criminal Justice Research Institute, and  
33 other stakeholders to evaluate issues relevant to  
34 policing, prosecutions, and corrections; and
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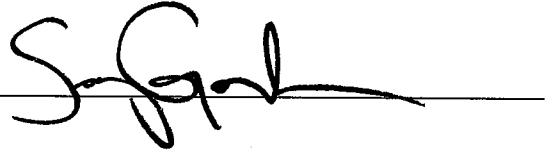
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the University of  
38 Hawaii Board of Regents; Deans of the William S. Richardson  
39 School of Law, Hawaiiinuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, and



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1 Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health; Principal  
2 Investigators of the University of Hawaii Community Design  
3 Center; and Director of the Criminal Justice Research Institute.  
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