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# SENATE 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 long-standing 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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30 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is the premier higher  
31 education institution in the State and serves the intellectual,  
32 educational, research, and workforce development interests of  
33 the people of Hawaii; and



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2 WHEREAS, the establishment of a maritime college as part of  
3 the University of Hawaii System would encourage the development  
4 of a local workforce in maritime and related marine industries;  
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7 WHEREAS, a maritime college would provide valuable research  
8 and workforce development in the areas of maritime studies,  
9 marine transportation, marine engineering, marine biology,  
10 environmental protection, oceanography, marine energy,  
11 shipbuilding, marine communications systems, maritime policy and  
12 law, labor studies, Polynesian voyaging, languages, and maritime  
13 history; and  
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15 WHEREAS, a maritime college would also provide a well-  
16 rounded education in the arts, sciences, social sciences, and  
17 Hawaiian studies, with a focus on oceans; and  
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19 WHEREAS, graduates from a maritime college would be well  
20 prepared for United States Coast Guard deck and engine  
21 licensing; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
25 that the University of Hawaii is urged to convene a working  
26 group to create a plan for the establishment of a maritime  
27 college; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
30 to consist of the following individuals:  
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- 32 (1) The President of the University of Hawaii System, or  
33 the President's designee;  
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- 35 (2) The Vice President for Academic Strategy of the  
36 University of Hawaii, or the Vice President's  
37 designee;  
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- 39 (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
40 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
41 Representatives;  
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- 1 (4) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
- 2 President of the Senate;
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- 4 (5) The Regional Director of the Hawaii Region of the
- 5 Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, or the Regional
- 6 Director's designee; and
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- 8 (6) The President of the International Longshore and
- 9 Warehouse Union Local 142, or the President's
- 10 designee; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 13 to invite any other knowledgeable member of the public, who  
 14 shall be added to the working group by majority vote; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals or  
 17 their designees are requested to join the working group as ex  
 18 officio members to provide input and clarification on matters  
 19 relating to sites, facilities, equipment, and state needs:

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- 21 (1) The Director of Transportation;
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- 23 (2) The Comptroller; and
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- 25 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
- 26 Resources; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 29 to consider and make recommendations on:

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- 31 (1) Potential sites for a temporary and permanent campus
- 32 for a maritime college;
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- 34 (2) The development of a training fleet using existing
- 35 University of Hawaii resources as well as procurement
- 36 of a vessel through the United States Maritime
- 37 Administration;
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- 39 (3) Plans to secure a traditional land grant as well as an
- 40 important natural harbor areas land grant;
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- 42 (4) Potential federal grant funding sources;



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- 2 (5) The development of a comprehensive accreditation
- 3 strategy;
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- 5 (6) The maritime college's curriculum, including the
- 6 incorporation of union apprenticeships; and
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- 8 (7) The administrative structure of the maritime college;
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
12 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and  
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
14 than December 1, 2023; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the University  
17 of Hawaii to establish a maritime college as soon as possible  
18 and in appropriate consultation with the working group; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
22 Hawaii System, Regional Director of the Hawaii Region of the  
23 Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, President of the  
24 International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142,  
25 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,  
26 Comptroller, Director of Transportation, Maritime Administrator  
27 of the United States Maritime Administration, and each member of  
28 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

