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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A  
STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT.

1           WHEREAS, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and  
2 offices of colleges and universities across the United States  
3 are under attack, threatening academic freedom and undermining  
4 future student success; and

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6           WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, the United States House of  
7 Representatives held a hearing claiming that efforts at  
8 diversity, equity, and inclusion sabotage the nation's  
9 fundamental values of hard work and promote meritocracy; and

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11           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has made substantial  
12 contributions to the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion at  
13 all ten campuses of the University of Hawaii system--progress  
14 that creates opportunities for those historically  
15 underrepresented in higher education, including Native  
16 Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Filipinos, first-generation  
17 college students, and Pell Grant recipients; and

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19           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and State of Hawaii have  
20 the opportunity to lead the way in best practices for diversity,  
21 equity, and inclusion and demonstrate the importance of these  
22 initiatives; now, therefore,

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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
27 Hawaii is urged to adopt and publicize a statewide equity  
28 statement; and  
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# H.C.R. NO. 205

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
 2 requested to post the statewide equity statement on its website  
 3 in a manner that is readily accessible to the public; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
 6 requested to establish diversity, equity, and inclusion  
 7 committees at each of its campuses to:  
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9 (1) Make recommendations regarding how to close equity  
 10 gaps; and  
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12 (2) Contribute to an annual report that details action  
 13 steps to be taken; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual report is requested  
 16 to be submitted to the Board of Regents and posted on the  
 17 University of Hawaii's website in a manner that is readily  
 18 accessible to the public; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 22 Board of Regents and President of the University of Hawaii.  
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