
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, TO DEVELOP
A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S, ASSOCIATE, CERTIFICATE,
AND OTHER EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS OR PATHWAYS THAT
DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS
WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, the State's economic vitality depends on a skilled
2 workforce that meets the needs of key regional industries,
3 including tourism and hospitality, agriculture, marine research,
4 renewable energy, and health care; and

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6 WHEREAS, each of the University of Hawaii Community
7 Colleges plays a vital role in providing accessible,
8 regionally-relevant higher education that supports local
9 economic development; and

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11 WHEREAS, aligning academic programs with current and
12 emerging job opportunities in each region will benefit students,
13 local employers, and the overall economic growth of the State;
14 now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2025, that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges,
19 including the University of Hawaii Maui College, are requested
20 to develop a comprehensive list of Bachelor's, associate,
21 certificate, and other existing degree programs or pathways that
22 directly align with job opportunities and industry needs within
23 their respective region of service; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing the list, the
26 University of Hawaii Community Colleges, including the
27 University of Hawaii Maui College, are requested to evaluate the
28 regional economic drivers and their respective areas of strength
29 and align programming accordingly; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges, including the University of Hawaii Maui College, are requested to collaborate with local industry leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are designed in accordance with current labor market data and the specific economic needs of each region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii, Vice President for Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii, and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui College.

