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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO
DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS
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 Senate of the Thirty-third
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
19 Hawaii Community Colleges are requested to develop a
20 comprehensive list of Bachelor's degree programs that directly
21 align with job opportunities and industry needs within their
22 respective region of service; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in developing the list, the
25 University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested to
26 evaluate the regional economic drivers and their respective
27 areas of strength and align programming accordingly; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the University of Hawaii Community
30 Colleges are requested to collaborate with local industry
31 leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are designed



1 in accordance with current labor market data and the specific
2 economic needs of each region; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
6 University of Hawaii and Vice President for Community Colleges
7 of the University of Hawaii.

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