
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO
DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS
AND OTHER INNOVATIVE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 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 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 and other
21 innovative workforce development pathways that directly align
22 with job opportunities and industry needs within their
23 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 are requested to:
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- 1 (1) Evaluate the regional economic drivers and their
2 respective areas of strength and align programming
3 accordingly; and
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- 5 (2) Consider current job needs and future workforce trends
6 in their evaluation of their respective programs to
7 allow for a more adaptable and forward-looking
8 approach to curriculum development; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii
11 Community Colleges are requested to collaborate with local
12 industry leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are
13 designed in accordance with current labor market data, future
14 workforce trends, and the specific economic needs of each
15 region; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
19 University of Hawaii and Vice President for Community Colleges
20 of the University of Hawaii.

