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# SENATE 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,  
18 that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested  
19 to develop a comprehensive list of bachelor's degree programs  
20 and other innovative workforce development pathways that  
21 directly align with job opportunities and industry needs within  
22 their respective region of service; and

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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing the list, the  
25 University of Hawaii Community Colleges are requested to:

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27           (1) Evaluate the regional economic drivers and their  
28           respective areas of strength and align programming  
29           accordingly; and  
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1           (2) Consider current job needs and future workforce trends  
2           in its evaluation of its programs to allow for a more  
3           adaptable and forward-looking approach to curriculum  
4           development; and  
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6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii  
7           Community Colleges are requested to collaborate with local  
8           industry leaders and stakeholders to ensure these programs are  
9           designed in accordance with current labor market data, future  
10          workforce trends, and the specific economic needs of each  
11          region; and  
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13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14          Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
15          Hawaii and Vice President for Community Colleges of the  
16          University of Hawaii.

