
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO OFFER STUDENTS FROM CERTAIN
PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS A REDUCED TUITION RATE EQUIVALENT TO
THE RESIDENT TUITION RATE.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii seeks to extend
2 educational opportunities to residents of Hawaii and the Asia-
3 Pacific region, especially those of Native Hawaiian, Pacific
4 Islander, and other indigenous ancestry; and
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6 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii currently offers students
7 from certain Pacific Island districts, commonwealths,
8 territories, or insular jurisdictions, states, or nations which
9 provide no public higher education institution granting
10 baccalaureate degrees a reduced tuition rate equivalent to one
11 hundred and fifty per cent of the resident tuition rate; and
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13 WHEREAS, the list of Pacific Island jurisdictions that
14 qualify for the tuition rate equivalent to one hundred and fifty
15 per cent of the resident tuition rate is updated and distributed
16 by the University President's Office and currently includes
17 American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Cook
18 Islands, Futuna, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands,
19 Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis; and
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21 WHEREAS, members of the Freely Associated States are
22 offered even further reduced tuition rates equivalent to one
23 hundred per cent of the resident tuition rate, including the
24 Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of
25 Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of Palau; and
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27 WHEREAS, expanding this reduced tuition rate to include a
28 more comprehensive list of Pacific Island neighbors would allow
29 for even more accessible learning opportunities and higher rates
30 of cross-cultural exchange and collaboration; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2025, the University of Hawaii is urged to offer students
4 from certain Pacific Island districts, commonwealths,
5 territories, or insular jurisdictions, states, or nations which
6 provide no public higher education institution granting
7 baccalaureate degrees a reduced tuition rate equivalent to one
8 hundred per cent of the resident tuition rate; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
12 Hawaii System.
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