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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii serves as the State's foremost provider of public higher education and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii is responsible for overseeing system-wide policies, programs, and initiatives that shape the institution's academic quality, career pathways, workforce pipelines, and performance metrics; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has established 12 performance metrics for its academic programs, and regular 13 assessment of the metrics is necessary to enhance transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of workforce pipeline development from pre-school through post-secondary education, specifically the role of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education in building seamless pathways for students; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to evaluate the University of Hawaii's plan to develop career pathways to ensure alignment with the State's industry needs and to facilitate students' transition to gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, a management and performance audit of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii would provide valuable insights to the efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of programs and initiatives under its

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scope, enabling evidence-based improvements and strategic decision-making; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is . requested to perform a management and performance audit of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii, with a focus on:

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The work of the Office of the Vice President for (1)Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii, specifically Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, in creating workforce pipelines from pre-school through post-secondary education;

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System-wide career pathway planning, including (2) alignment between academic programs and industries and jobs that the State's economy demands;

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(3) Coordination and articulation agreements between four-year universities and community colleges that ensure clear pathways for student transfer and credit recognition; and

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The design, implementation, and effectiveness of (4)performance metrics in measuring program success; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to include in the audit:

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Data collection and analysis on the adequacy of resources allocated to the programs and initiatives, including staffing, infrastructure, and funding;

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Recommendations for improvements or changes to (2) existing policies, structures, or programs or initiatives to enhance efficiency and outcomes; and

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A timeline for implementation of recommended (3) improvements or changes; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of any findings and recommendations, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Auditor, Chair of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii, and Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education.

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OFFERED BY: DAN-WOOD

