
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO REVIEW AND REFINE THE OPERATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CAMPUS FULFILLS A DISTINCT AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN SERVING STUDENTS AND THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii System plays a critical
2 role in advancing education, workforce development, and research
3 throughout the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, each campus within the University of Hawaii System
6 serves distinct communities and fulfills unique roles in meeting
7 the educational and workforce needs of Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the National Center for Higher Education
10 Management Systems has recommended that the University of Hawaii
11 refine and clarify the operational missions of its four-year
12 institutions to ensure that each campus has a clear and
13 complementary role in serving the State; and
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15 WHEREAS, clearly defined operational missions can
16 strengthen collaboration among campuses, reduce unnecessary
17 duplication of programs, and better align educational offerings
18 with the needs of Hawaii's communities and economy; and
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20 WHEREAS, existing law grants the University of Hawaii Board
21 of Regents exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure,
22 management, and operation of the University; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2026, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is
27 requested to review and refine the operational missions of the
28 University of Hawaii's four-year institutions to ensure that
29 each campus fulfills a distinct and complementary role in
30 serving students and the State; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to include in its review consideration of workforce needs, student access, geographic service areas, and the efficient use of statewide resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents and President of the University of Hawaii and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii West Oahu; and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

OFFERED BY:



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