
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONSIDER
RENAMING LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PU‘ULOA COMMUNITY
COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, community colleges play a vital role in expanding
2 access to higher education and providing pathways to
3 opportunity, workforce development, and lifelong learning; and
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5 WHEREAS, strengthening campus identity can enhance student
6 pride, recruitment, alumni engagement, and community connection;
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9 WHEREAS, Pu‘uloa holds deep cultural and historical
10 significance within the moku of ‘Ewa on the island of O‘ahu,
11 including having the highest concentration of traditional loko
12 i‘a, which sustained communities through food production,
13 irrigation, and stewardship of natural resources; and
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15 WHEREAS, Pu‘uloa is also associated with important cultural
16 traditions and mo‘olelo, including the guardian sharks
17 Ka‘ahupāhau and Kahi‘uka, and represents longevity, abundance,
18 and resilience; and
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20 WHEREAS, Leeward Community College is situated within the
21 historic and cultural region of Pu‘uloa, encompassing areas
22 within Waiawa and Lualualei; and
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24 WHEREAS, Leeward Community College aspires to be a leading
25 indigenous-serving community college dedicated to inclusion,
26 innovation, and a strong Hawaiian sense of place; and
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28 WHEREAS, section 304A-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grants
29 the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents exclusive jurisdiction
30 over the internal structure, management, and operation of the
31 University; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 3 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 4 of 2026, that the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents is
 5 requested to consider renaming Leeward Community College to
 6 Pu'uloa Community College to reflect the cultural and historical
 7 significance of the area and to strengthen the campus's identity
 8 and connection to place; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in considering such action,
 11 the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents is encouraged to
 12 consult with campus leadership, faculty, students, alumni, and
 13 community stakeholders; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University
 17 of Hawai'i Board of Regents, President of the University of
 18 Hawai'i, and Chancellor of Leeward Community College.

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