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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SECOND
CENTURY PROMISE TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature commends the University of Hawaii
2 on its first centennial, remembering the University from its
3 humble beginnings in 1907 in a small house on Young Street as
4 the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and acknowledging
5 its status today, one hundred years later, as a world-renowned
6 and well respected university system comprised of ten campuses
7 that offer more than six hundred twenty certificates and
8 degrees; and

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10 WHEREAS, over the past few decades the Legislature has
11 granted the University with increased administrative and
12 financial flexibility to respond more effectively to program
13 needs, changing situations, and entrepreneurial opportunities,
14 and thereby be able to provide higher education of superior
15 quality; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been grappling with the
18 relationship between the taxpayer, the University of Hawaii, and
19 the student for quite some time, having even mandated in 1995 a
20 general fund appropriation based on tuition revenues estimated
21 for that fiscal year in question; and

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23 WHEREAS, the University suffered great budget cuts during
24 the downturn in the economy during the late 1990s; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature will remain uncertain as to how
27 the University of Hawaii will respond in the future to
28 significant downturns in the economy absent a solid and bold
29 relationship with the taxpayers of this State; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
2 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are
3 requested to form a University of Hawaii Second Century Promise
4 Task Force to develop a funding formula for state funds to the
5 University of Hawaii system; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to
9 appoint the chairs of the House Committee on Higher Education
10 and the Senate Committee on Education to chair the task force
11 and to have the task force comprised of members that represent
12 the University of Hawaii, the Governor, the National Center for
13 Higher Education Management Systems, the Western Interstate
14 Commission on Higher Education, Enterprise Honolulu, and the
15 Hawaii Business Roundtable; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing an appropriate
18 funding formula, the task force is requested to examine:
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- 20 (1) The relationship between the State, the University of
21 Hawaii, and the student;
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- 23 (2) The use of outcomes and benchmarks in funding, such as
24 graduation rates, job placements, or responses of the
25 University to worker shortages;
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- 27 (3) Prioritizing outcomes and benchmarks in a formula; and
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- 29 (4) Examples from other states, if relevant, including
30 Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Virginia, Louisiana,
31 Texas, and Oregon; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
34 submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including
35 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
36 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
37 2008; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
41 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairs



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1 of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate
2 Committee on Education, the Governor, and the President and
3 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
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