
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING ENROLLMENT CAPS AT CAMPUSES WITHIN
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, regarding enrollment management in the University
2 of Hawaii system and limitations on the numbers of nonresident
3 students, a campus-by-campus approach may be the best policy;
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6 WHEREAS, campus ceilings for nonresident enrollments
7 currently are thirty per cent at the baccalaureate campuses and
8 fifteen per cent at the community colleges; and

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10 WHEREAS, these ceilings on nonresident enrollments may not
11 acknowledge the diversity and flexibility of individual campuses
12 within the University of Hawaii system; and

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14 WHEREAS, many small states nationwide that are dependent on
15 tourism, such as small states in the New England area, routinely
16 attract student bodies that are more than fifty per cent
17 nonresident students; and

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19 WHEREAS, nonresident students account for sixty-five per
20 cent of the student body at the University of Vermont and more
21 than half of the entering class at the University of New
22 Hampshire; and

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24 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism", nonresident
25 students contribute revenues through tuition, fees, and room and
26 board charges that are spent within the State; and

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28 WHEREAS, nonresident tuition has risen considerably since
29 2005; and

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1 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make possible a
2 wider range of programs to resident students and reduces the net
3 cost of operations to the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is a public university
6 system that strives to serve students from Hawaii as its first
7 and highest priority; and
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9 WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly global society and
10 marketplace where interaction among students from Hawaii and
11 mainland and international students has significantly positive
12 educational impacts on all groups; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii must emerge as a leader in workforce
15 development, including fostering the educational and social
16 development of students through interaction within a diverse
17 academic environment; and
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19 WHEREAS, many nonresident students volunteer to participate
20 in community service projects and, after graduation, enter the
21 State's professional workforce; and
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23 WHEREAS, from an enrollment management perspective, it is
24 very desirable to expand institutional recruiting and enrollment
25 options to allow more flexibility and choice during economic
26 downturns and demographic fluctuations; and
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28 WHEREAS, each campus in the University of Hawaii system has
29 enrollment growth in its planning strategy; and
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31 WHEREAS, lifting enrollment caps within the University of
32 Hawaii system would:
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- 34 (1) Allow opportunities for institutional growth to
35 improve efficiencies and economies-of-scale as a
36 management strategy;
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- 38 (2) Allow options to compensation for demographic dips by
39 admitting more nonresident students to compensate for
40 shortfalls in resident student enrollment;
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- 42 (3) Allow institutions to maintain financial stability
43 during periods of enrollment fluctuation;
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- 1 (4) Allow for a more enriched learning environment in
2 which students from Hawaii have the opportunity to
3 educationally and socially learn from international
4 and mainland students, preparing both groups to be
5 leaders in an increasingly global society;
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- 7 (5) Enhance the income stream for the institutions,
8 enabling them to use the higher tuition rate paid by
9 nonresidents to generate income for other priorities,
10 including the education of Hawaii's residents; and
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- 12 (6) Allow for growth in the numbers of international
13 students, including Pacific Island students, which is
14 a high priority enrollment management goal for the
15 University of Hawaii at Manoa and other university
16 institutions, and which contributes significantly to
17 the educational and personal development of all
18 students as they are being educated to play leadership
19 roles in their communities and professions in a
20 competitive global society; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
25 Hawaii system is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility
26 and potential benefits of allowing individual campuses to set
27 appropriate levels of nonresident students or, alternatively, to
28 investigate lifting the caps altogether; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii system
31 shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the
32 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
33 the Regular Session of 2009; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
37 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the
38 University of Hawaii, the Chancellors of the University of
39 Hawaii at Manoa, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the
40 University of Hawaii West Oahu, Hawaii Community College,
41 Honolulu Community College, Kapiolani Community College, Kauai
42 Community College, Maui Community College, and Windward
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1 Community College, and the Interim Chancellor of Leeward
2 Community College.

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