
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO REMOVE ENROLLMENT CAP RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT APPLICANTS FROM NATIONS THAT ENTERED INTO A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

1 WHEREAS, campus ceilings for nonresident enrollments are
2 currently 30 percent at the baccalaureate campuses and 15
3 percent at the community colleges of the University of Hawaii
4 (UH); and

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6 WHEREAS, ceilings on nonresident enrollments may not
7 acknowledge the diversity and flexibility of individual campuses
8 within the UH system; and

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10 WHEREAS, as an institution of higher education, UH is
11 largely responsible for the educational and social development
12 of students, which can be achieved best through interaction in
13 an environment that fosters diversity; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Congress in passing the
16 The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007 (H.R.
17 1469 and S. 991), has gained strong bipartisan support in
18 Congress and has been endorsed by more than 35 higher education
19 and educational exchange organizations, reflecting the
20 increasing, global nature of our world and society; and

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22 WHEREAS, in reciprocation of attempts to increase study-
23 abroad opportunities for U.S. citizens, it would be fitting to
24 enable similar opportunities for foreign and international
25 students; and

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27 WHEREAS, many small states that are dependent on tourism
28 routinely attract nonresidents consisting of more than 50
29 percent of the student body, such as the University of Vermont
30 and University of New Hampshire, where nonresident students
31 account for 65 percent of the student body, and more than half
32 of the entering class, respectively; and



1 WHEREAS, through such "educational tourism," nonresident
2 students contribute to the revenue of universities through
3 tuition, fees, and room and board charges, as demonstrated by
4 the considerable increase in nonresident tuition payments at UH
5 since 2005; and

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7 WHEREAS, revenues from nonresident students make possible a
8 wider range of programs to resident students; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association (COFA), an
11 agreement between the United States and the Freely Associated
12 States, provides for mutually beneficial rights and obligations,
13 including the right to travel to, and work and reside in the
14 U.S. without durational limit; and

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16 WHEREAS, a significant number of COFA citizens travel to
17 and reside in the State of Hawaii, and these citizens should be
18 afforded the opportunity to attend institutions of higher
19 learning in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2008, that the UH Board of Regents is respectfully
24 requested to remove enrollment cap restrictions on student
25 applicants from COFA nations; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH Board of Regents is
28 respectfully requested to report to the Legislature no later
29 than 21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
30 2009 on the status of this request, including any necessary
31 proposed legislation; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
35 U.S. Secretary of State, Governor of the State of Hawaii,
36 Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Chairperson of the UH Board
37 of Regents, Chancellors of each of the UH's campuses and
38 community colleges, and Superintendent of the Education.

