
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A
MUSLIMS IN ASIA RESEARCH AND STUDIES INSTITUTE.

1 WHEREAS, several years ago, discussions began within the
2 University of Hawaii at Manoa regarding the establishment of an
3 interdisciplinary Muslims in Asia research institute, and such
4 discussions are still ongoing; and
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6 WHEREAS, although other universities have successfully
7 established and secured both national and international funding
8 for Middle Eastern research institutes, an interdisciplinary
9 Muslims in Asia Research and Studies Institute (Institute) would
10 be the first of its kind in the United States, filling an
11 educational gap about Muslims in Asia and relevant to the
12 University of Hawaii's international focus on Asia and the
13 Pacific; and
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15 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH-Manoa) is
16 ideally suited for such an Institute, since it has faculty
17 expertise for Islam in Asia, and serves as the gateway between
18 the United States and the nations of the Pacific Rim, which have
19 large Muslim and Asian populations; and
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21 WHEREAS, several Asian governments and partner schools,
22 various national groups, as well as the federal government have
23 expressed interest in such an Institute; and
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25 WHEREAS, to diversify our economy, higher education is a
26 viable means to attract revenue, and with an interdisciplinary
27 Institute comes the opportunity for grant and research moneys
28 and the ability to tap a niche in the higher education market,
29 as well as promote better international understanding of Islam
30 in Asia; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that UH-Manoa is requested to
4 establish such an Institute; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH-Manoa, through the
7 Institute, is requested to establish an exchange program with
8 the University of Mindanao in the Philippines; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
12 Secretary of State; President of UH-Manoa; Chancellor of UH-
13 Manoa; Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies;
14 Director of the Center for South Asian Studies; Resident
15 Director of UH-Manoa's Study Abroad Center; Director of the
16 Pacific Asian Management Institute; Vice Chancellor for Research
17 and Graduate Education at UH-Manoa; Director of the Center for
18 International Business Education and Research; Chair of the
19 Department of Indo-Pacific Languages and Literatures at UH-
20 Manoa; Chair of the Department of Philosophy at UH-Manoa; Dean
21 of the School of Pacific and Asian Studies at UH-Manoa;
22 President of the University of Mindanao; President of the East-
23 West Center; Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security
24 Studies; and Chair of the Muslim Association of Hawaii.

