HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010
STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 147

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I TO CONSIDER THE CONCERNS AND
ISSUES RAISED WITH REGARD TO THE AUTONOMY OF THE SCHOOL OF
TRAVEL INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, because tourism is Hawaii's top industry, the
University of Hawaii (UH) School of Travel Industry Management
(TIM) is a very popular and important program that prepares
students for jobs up and coming in the industry; and

WHEREAS, TIM has been autonomous since 1991, after gaining
separate accreditation and separating from the business college; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the UH-Manoa Chancellor's Advisory
Committee, tasked with streamlining the university,
preliminarily recommended, among other things, reconsolidation
of TIM with the Shidler College of Business; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has generated opposition among
alumni, as well as current students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, as a result, legislation was introduced to
statutorily establish TIM independently and separate from any
school or college of business administration established at UH;
and

WHEREAS, proponents and opponents raised strong points on
both sides of the issue, with regard to costs and concerns
regarding overall university autonomy, which was granted through
a constitutional amendment in 2000; and

WHEREAS, because UH was granted autonomy, such issues
should be resolved at the university level first, whenever
possible, before legislative action is taken; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2010, that UH is requested to consider the concerns and
issues raised with regard to the autonomy of TIM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to establish a
forum to receive public input and to resolve this issue at the
university level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
Hawaii System, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, and
Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry
Management.

OFFERED BY: [Signature]
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