
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE-
LEVEL INFORMATION ASSURANCE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the federal government has a significant presence
2 in Hawaii, in part because of our state's strategic location at
3 the crossroads of the Pacific; and
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5 WHEREAS, government agencies, along with businesses such as
6 defense contractors and financial institutions, need to hire
7 additional employees who are capable of protecting vital
8 information systems; and
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10 WHEREAS, the National Security Agency (NSA) established a
11 new National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations
12 Program; and
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14 WHEREAS, this hands-on higher education program is deeply
15 technical, inter-disciplinary and firmly grounded in computer
16 science, computer engineering and/or electrical engineering
17 disciplines; and
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19 WHEREAS, this program supports the President's National
20 Initiative for Cybersecurity Education; and
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22 WHEREAS, the goal of the President's initiative is
23 broadening the pool of workers with the capacity to support a
24 cyber-secure nation; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently lacks a sufficient number of
27 residents trained in high-level cybersecurity operations; and
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of just eleven states lacking a
30 national Center of Academic Excellence in cyber operations; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii could fill this void by
 2 offering a graduate-level Information Assurance Program that
 3 meets requirements of the NSA and Department of Homeland
 4 Security; and

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 6 WHEREAS, students enrolled in such a program would be
 7 eligible for financial aid through the Department of Defense
 8 Information Assurance Scholarship Program and the Federal Cyber
 9 Service Scholarship for Service Program; and

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 11 WHEREAS, gaining national recognition for a cybersecurity
 12 degree program would enable the University to compete for
 13 related federal research grants; and

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 15 WHEREAS, educating students in advanced cyber operations
 16 would enable the University to play a more prominent role in
 17 securing America's information systems; now, therefore,

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 19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 21 of 2012, that the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of
 22 Engineering is urged to establish an Information Assurance
 23 Program at the earliest possible opportunity; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Resolution be transmitted to the University of Hawaii Board of
 27 Regents, the University System President and the University of
 28 Hawaii West Oahu Chancellor.
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