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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONDUCT AN  
OUTREACH PROGRAM, PERFORM A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND ESTABLISH  
A HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE DISTRICT OF PUNA  
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, rural areas in the State are in need of higher  
2 education learning centers that can help improve employment and  
3 entrepreneurial activities in those areas; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the district of Puna on the island of Hawaii is a  
6 prime location for establishing a higher education learning  
7 center, and it could identify educational and training needs in  
8 the district, design a business incubator approach to support  
9 job growth in the area, and focus on outreach to increase  
10 agriculture production and processed products for local markets  
11 utilizing emerging engineering programs; and  
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13           WHEREAS, if successful, the higher education learning  
14 center in Puna can serve as a model for other rural areas in the  
15 State; now, therefore,  
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17           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
20 Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish a higher education  
21 learning center, as broadly described above, in the district of  
22 Puna on the island of Hawaii; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at  
25 Hilo is encouraged to work with the United States Pacific Basin  
26 Agricultural Research Center in establishing a higher education  
27 learning center in Puna; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
30 is requested to support and assist the University of Hawaii at




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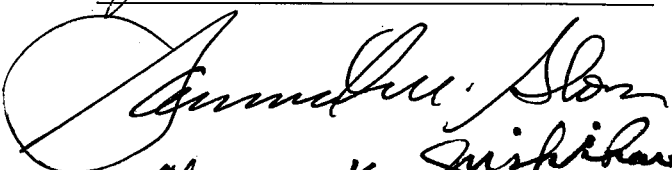
1 Hilo in establishing a higher education learning center in Puna;  
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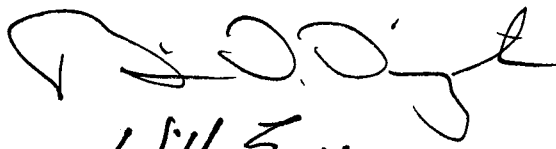
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at  
5 Hilo is requested to establish an outreach program under the  
6 College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource  
7 Management to conduct an outreach program and perform a needs  
8 assessment for the higher education learning center, including  
9 an assessment of existing educational resources and facilities  
10 that can be used to provide educational and training options in  
11 Puna; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at  
14 Hilo is requested to report findings and recommendations,  
15 including any proposed legislation and funding needs, resulting  
16 from the outreach program and needs assessment to the  
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
18 the Regular Session of 2014; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
22 United States Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center;  
23 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; President of the  
24 University of Hawaii System; Chairperson of the Board of Regents  
25 of the University of Hawaii; Chancellor of the University of  
26 Hawaii at Hilo; and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry  
27 and Natural Resource Management at the University of Hawaii at  
28 Hilo.  
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