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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO  
ESTABLISH A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ANY INCREASES OF  
RESIDENT TUITION.

1           WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,  
2 by Executive Policy E6.201 adopted in March 2013, established  
3 tuition schedules for the academic years 2012-2013 through 2016-  
4 2017; and

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6           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa is  
7 representative of the annual percentage tuition increases during  
8 the five-year period, with year-to-year increases of  
9 approximately 3.1 per cent in 2012-2013, 5.5 per cent in 2013-  
10 2014, and 7.5 per cent in each of the academic years 2014-2015,  
11 2015-2016, and 2016-2017; and

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13           WHEREAS, the Board of Regents plans to conduct a mid-  
14 schedule review of the tuition increases in 2014; and

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16           WHEREAS, the Wall Street Journal reported that the  
17 University of Hawaii had one of the fastest rates of increase in  
18 tuition and fees among public universities in the United States  
19 over the past five years; and

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21           WHEREAS, the average amount full-time students paid in  
22 tuition at the University of Hawaii last year, after grants and  
23 scholarships, rose 46.6 per cent, compared to the national  
24 average amount that students at public colleges across the  
25 nation paid, which rose a record 8.3 per cent; and

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27           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's tuition and fees,  
28 before grants and scholarships, more than doubled during the  
29 past five-year period, from \$4,522 in 2006-2007, to \$9,404 in  
30 2012-2013; and

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1 WHEREAS, such significant increases in resident tuition at  
2 the only public university system in the State can negatively  
3 impact the ability of local residents who want to attend  
4 college; and

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6 WHEREAS, establishing a moratorium on resident tuition  
7 increases for the University of Hawaii system would enable more  
8 individuals in the State to enroll at a school within the  
9 University of Hawaii system and provide more affordable higher  
10 education for state residents; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Regents  
15 of the University of Hawaii is urged to establish a three-year  
16 moratorium, effective on July 1, 2014, on any increases of  
17 resident tuition; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the  
20 University of Hawaii is requested to submit a report to the  
21 Legislature of its findings and recommendations promptly upon  
22 the completion of its 2014 mid-schedule review of the tuition  
23 increases; and

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

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