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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO ESTABLISH A  
FORMAL ASSOCIATION WITH AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR  
THE RISE 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program in  
2 Keaukaha/Panaewa Hawaiian Homes Communities is a private program  
3 targeting disadvantaged youth between the ages of eight and  
4 eighteen; and

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6           WHEREAS, the program was created by a high school teacher  
7 at Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School; and

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9           WHEREAS, RISE stands for "Revealing Individual Strengths  
10 for Excellence" and is symbolic of how the community desires to  
11 see growth in its youth; and

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13           WHEREAS, the mission of the RISE 21st Century After School  
14 Program is to serve as a community resource for underprivileged,  
15 Native Hawaiian youth ages twelve to seventeen in the Hilo  
16 district; and

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18           WHEREAS, the key objectives of the RISE 21st Century After  
19 School Program are as follows:

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21           (1) To reveal the strengths and passions of youth  
22 participants to contribute toward overall student  
23 engagement and confidence;  
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25           (2) To help youth participants develop Individual Student  
26 Success Plans to track monthly goals and expectations  
27 and to contribute toward building responsible,  
28 respectful, and reliable students;  
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30           (3) To provide individual mentoring for encouragement,  
31 motivation, and self-esteem and to increase knowledge  
32 of future career and academic paths; and



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2 (4) To implement Hawaiian cultural practices such as the  
3 art of lua (balance discipline) and hoe wa'a (canoe  
4 paddling) to teach values and encourage discipline,  
5 balance, and leadership for physical, mental, and  
6 spiritual well-being; and  
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8 WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program gives  
9 disadvantaged youth a better chance of succeeding in college  
10 while being mentored in particular areas of challenge in their  
11 lives, most commonly as a result of dysfunctional family  
12 relationships and other social issues resulting from a lack of  
13 educational resources and poverty; and  
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15 WHEREAS, a formal association between the RISE 21st Century  
16 After School Program and the University of Hawaii at Hilo would  
17 serve as a permanent bridge between the Keaukaha/Panaewa  
18 Hawaiian Homes communities and the University of Hawaii at Hilo;  
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21 WHEREAS, an association between the University of Hawaii at  
22 Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program would also  
23 enhance and improve the academic programs at the University of  
24 Hawaii at Hilo campus by incorporating the principle that  
25 learning is not fixed to a specific geographic locale of the  
26 campus but permeates the community it serves and vice versa; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has many programs  
29 that hold the potential to benefit from an association with the  
30 RISE 21st Century After School Program, such as the Imiloa  
31 Astronomy Center of Hawaii, Ka Haka Ula 'O Ke'elikolani Hawaiian  
32 Language College, College of Agriculture, counseling psychology,  
33 and future engineering programs planned for the Hilo campus, all  
34 of which provide opportunities for program partnerships and  
35 internships; and  
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37 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has other  
38 community engagement programs on the Big Island such as the  
39 Community College Education Center in West Hawaii, North Hawaii  
40 Education Center in Honokaa, and the Pacific Coastal Resources  
41 in Keaukaha; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the University Of  
4 Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish a formal association  
5 with the RISE 21st Century After School Program; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at  
8 Hilo is requested to include in its budget sufficient funding  
9 for the RISE 21st Century After School Program; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the  
13 University of Hawaii at Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School  
14 Program.  
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