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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 August 2012, 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 increases of three per cent in 2012-
9 2013, five per cent in 2013-2014, and seven per cent in each of
10 the academic years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017; and

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

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

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

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

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31 WHEREAS, such significant increases in resident tuition at
32 the only public university system in the State can negatively



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1 impact the ability of local residents who want to attend
2 college; and

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

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

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
19 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,
20 and the President of the University of Hawaii System.

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