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SENATE 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,
19 that the University of Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish
20 a higher education learning center, as broadly described above,
21 in the district of Puna on the island of Hawaii; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
24 Hilo is encouraged to work with the United States Pacific Basin
25 Agricultural Research Center in establishing a higher education
26 learning center in Puna; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
29 is requested to support and assist the University of Hawaii at
30 Hilo in establishing a higher education learning center in Puna;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
34 Hilo is requested to establish an outreach program under the



1 College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource
 2 Management to conduct an outreach program and perform a needs
 3 assessment for the higher education learning center, including
 4 an assessment of existing educational resources and facilities
 5 that can be used to provide educational and training options in
 6 Puna; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
 9 Hilo is requested to report findings and recommendations,
 10 including any proposed legislation and funding needs, resulting
 11 from the outreach program and needs assessment to the
 12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 13 the Regular Session of 2014; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States
 17 Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center; Chairperson of the
 18 Board of Agriculture; President of the University of Hawaii
 19 System; Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of
 20 Hawaii; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and Dean
 21 of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource
 22 Management at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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