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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is a matter of  
2 statewide concern to support the growth and sustainability of  
3 the Hawaii tourism industry.

4           The legislature further finds that the State's first  
5 sister-state relationship with the Philippines was established  
6 in 1985 with the Province of Ilocos Sur. House Concurrent  
7 Resolution No. 124 H.D. 1, 1985, which established the sister-  
8 state relationship, noted that Filipino immigrants and their  
9 descendants have contributed greatly to the economy, cultural  
10 diversity, and strength of Hawaii's society.

11           The first fifteen Filipinos, also known as sakadas or  
12 plantation workers from the Province of Ilocos Sur, arrived in  
13 Hawaii on December 20, 1906, to help with Hawaii's sugar  
14 plantations. Filipinos have since become the largest ethnic  
15 group in the State.

16           Similar to Hawaii, the Province of Ilocos Sur benefits from  
17 tourism. In 2015, the capital of the Province of Ilocos Sur,



1 the City of Vigan, was officially recognized as one of the  
2 world's wonder cities along with Beirut, Doha, Durban, Havana,  
3 Kuala Lumpur, and La Paz. As an emerging tourist destination,  
4 the City of Vigan is an example of the growth of global tourism,  
5 which is an industry that is important to Hawaii. The Province  
6 of Ilocos Sur will be celebrating its bicentennial anniversary  
7 on February 1 to 3, 2018.

8 Because of the historical relationship between the  
9 Philippines and Hawaii, an opportunity exists to establish a  
10 student exchange program compact to foster goodwill and mutually  
11 beneficial cultural and educational exchanges.

12 Founded in 1966, the University of Hawaii school of travel  
13 industry management can enhance its reputation as one of the  
14 most respected programs worldwide in hospitality, tourism, and  
15 transportation management through the establishment of a student  
16 exchange program compact with Ilocos Sur Community College and  
17 the University of Northern Philippines. Ilocos Sur Community  
18 College was founded in 1975 and started its tourism management  
19 program in 1992, and the University of Northern Philippines was  
20 founded in 1965 and started its college of hospitality and  
21 tourism management in 1997.



1           The purpose of this Act is to establish a student exchange  
2 program compact between the University of Northern Philippines  
3 college of hospitality and tourism management or the Ilocos Sur  
4 Community College tourism management program, or both, in the  
5 Province of Ilocos Sur of the Republic of the Philippines and  
6 the University of Hawaii school of travel industry management to  
7 focus on hospitality, tourism, and transportation management  
8 exchanges.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
10 is amended by adding a new subpart to be appropriately  
11 designated and to read as follows:

12                                 "       .   STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

13           §304A-    University of Northern Philippines college of  
14 hospitality and tourism management or Ilocos Sur Community  
15 College tourism management program, or both, in the Province of  
16 Ilocos Sur of the Republic of the Philippines and University of  
17 Hawaii school of travel industry management student exchange  
18 program compact. (a) There is established by an agreement of  
19 the parties a student exchange program compact between the  
20 University of Northern Philippines college of hospitality and  
21 tourism management or Ilocos Sur Community College tourism



1 management program, or both, in the Province of Ilocos Sur of  
2 the Republic of the Philippines and the University of Hawaii  
3 school of travel industry management that shall focus on  
4 hospitality, tourism, and transportation management exchanges.  
5 The University of Northern Philippines college of hospitality  
6 and tourism management or Ilocos Sur Community College tourism  
7 management program, or both, and the University of Hawaii school  
8 of travel industry management shall develop a plan to foster  
9 communication, cooperation, and courtesies with each other to  
10 explore different avenues of hospitality, tourism, and  
11 transportation management exchanges.

12 §304A- University of Northern Philippines college of  
13 hospitality and tourism management or Ilocos Sur Community  
14 College tourism management program, or both, in the Province of  
15 Ilocos Sur of the Republic of the Philippines and University of  
16 Hawaii school of travel industry management student exchange  
17 program compact revolving fund. (a) There is established a  
18 revolving fund for the University of Northern Philippines  
19 college of hospitality and tourism management or Ilocos Sur  
20 Community College tourism management program, or both, in the  
21 Province of Ilocos Sur of the Republic of the Philippines and



1 University of Hawaii school of travel industry management  
2 student exchange program compact into which shall be deposited  
3 all donations, gifts, contributions, legislative appropriations,  
4 and moneys generated by the program compact through hospitality,  
5 tourism, and transportation management exchanges. Moneys  
6 deposited into the fund shall be expended by the University of  
7 Hawaii school of travel industry management for student aid,  
8 training projects, teaching, supplies, services, and activities  
9 related to the development of hospitality, tourism, and  
10 transportation management exchanges of the University of  
11 Northern Philippines college of hospitality and tourism  
12 management or Ilocos Sur Community College tourism management  
13 program, or both, and University of Hawaii school of travel  
14 industry management student exchange program compact.

15 (b) The dean of the University of Hawaii school of travel  
16 industry management shall prepare and submit an annual report to  
17 the legislature accounting for all income and expenditures of  
18 the revolving fund.

19 (c) All unexpended and unencumbered moneys appropriated by  
20 the legislature remaining in the fund at the close of each  
21 fiscal year which are deemed, by the director of finance, to be



1 in excess of the moneys necessary to carry out the purposes of  
2 this section over the next following fiscal year shall lapse to  
3 the credit of the state general fund."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# H.B. NO. 1422

**Report Title:**

Ilocos Sur; Philippines; University; Student Exchange Program Compact

**Description:**

Establishes a student exchange program compact between the University of Northern Philippines or Ilocos Sur Community College, or both, and the University of Hawaii school of travel industry management. Requires reports to the Legislature.

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