
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
CREATE A CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY.

1 WHEREAS, the number of women graduating with degrees in
2 computer science has decreased nationwide from thirty-seven
3 percent in 1985 to eighteen percent in 2015 and women currently
4 comprise only twenty-four percent of the computing workforce;
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7 WHEREAS, computing jobs in the United States are growing at
8 three times the rate of overall job creation, but there are only
9 forty thousand computer science graduates; and
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11 WHEREAS, in order to achieve the state goal of increasing
12 the number of technology jobs, there has to be a well-trained
13 and competent workforce to fill these positions; and
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15 WHEREAS, increasing the number of women earning degrees in
16 computer science allows women to enter this growing job market
17 and increase their quality of life; and
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19 WHEREAS, in Hawaii only thirty-three percent of Advanced
20 Placement computer science exam takers were female; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Information and Computer
23 Sciences within the University of Hawaii can accommodate a
24 Center for Women in Technology to develop programs to build
25 interest in the field among current and future female students;
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28 WHEREAS, this center can serve as the clearinghouse for
29 matters involving women in computer science in the state; now,
30 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2017, that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
 4 is urged to establish a Center for Women in Technology within
 5 the University; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 9 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the Chairperson of the
 10 Board of Education, and the Director of Labor and Industrial
 11 Relations.

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