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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO  
MAKE GREATER USE OF OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES AND OTHER LOW-  
COST OR FREE RESOURCES.

1           WHEREAS, the cost of attending college continues to rise;  
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4           WHEREAS, according to the College Board, the cost of  
5 tuition and fees for attending an in-state public college for  
6 the 2017-2018 academic year averaged \$9,970, while the average  
7 cost for books and supplies for the same academic year at public  
8 colleges averaged \$1,250; and

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10          WHEREAS, during the last twenty years, the cost of college  
11 textbooks has risen much more rapidly than the consumer price  
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14          WHEREAS, since 2015, open educational resources at the  
15 University of Hawaii have offered free instructional materials  
16 to help lower the cost of higher education, provided faculty  
17 more control over their instructional materials, and enabled  
18 students to learn in new ways; and

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20          WHEREAS, open educational resources offer learning,  
21 teaching, and research resources that are either in the public  
22 domain or have been released with an intellectual property  
23 license that permits free reuse and repurposing; and

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25          WHEREAS, through faculty use of open educational resources  
26 since its adoption, this technology-driven instructional content  
27 has saved students hundreds of thousands of dollars in textbook  
28 costs; and



1 WHEREAS, open educational resources are part of a larger  
 2 movement known as the open access movement, which refers to  
 3 online research outputs that are free of all restrictions on  
 4 access (e.g., access tolls) and free of many restrictions on use  
 5 (e.g., certain copyright and license restrictions); and

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 7 WHEREAS, open access can be applied to all forms of  
 8 published research output, including peer-reviewed and non-peer-  
 9 reviewed academic journal articles, conference papers, theses,  
 10 book chapters, and monographs; and

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 12 WHEREAS, the use of open education resources and other low-  
 13 cost or free resources can help lower the cost of books and  
 14 educational materials for students and increase the  
 15 affordability of college for more families; now, therefore,

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 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 18 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 19 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the faculty of the  
 20 University of Hawaii is encouraged to make greater use of open  
 21 education resources and other low-cost or free resources; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board  
 25 of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the  
 26 University of Hawaii, and co-chairs of the University of Hawaii  
 27 All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.

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