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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND REPORT ON A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, even at public law schools such as the William S.
2 Richardson School of Law, tuition and costs are high; and
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4 WHEREAS, many law school graduates face significant debt
5 upon their graduation; and
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7 WHEREAS, significant debt for law school graduates narrows
8 their work choices following law school; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents in rural areas face significant
11 legal challenges in the course of their daily lives; and
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13 WHEREAS, a financial aid program for law school graduates
14 that incentivizes serving residents in rural areas would benefit
15 those residents, the law school graduates, and the community as
16 a whole; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
19 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
20 William S. Richardson School of Law is requested to convene a
21 task force to study the possibility of establishing a loan
22 forgiveness program in connection with serving certain residents
23 in rural areas in Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be named
26 the Task Force for Rural Legal Assistance; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force for Rural Legal
29 Assistance consist of the following members:
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31 (1) The Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law,
32 or a designee;
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34 (2) A representative from the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii;



