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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST COHORT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED,  
ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN HAWAII TO STUDY AT  
ELITE SCHOOLS IN ASIA THROUGH THE 2020 HAWAII-ASIA YOUTH  
PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, Asia's economy has grown to become the world's  
2 largest measured by both nominal gross domestic product and  
3 purchasing power parity; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Asia holds the world's largest total banking-  
6 sector assets, worth approximately \$50 trillion; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Asia overtook the United States in 2016 to become  
9 the region of the world that produces the greatest number of  
10 scientific publications; and  
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12           WHEREAS, students in Asia often achieve some of the world's  
13 highest scores in international math and science exams; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Hawaii has long-standing historical and cultural  
16 ties to Asia, beginning with the arrival of immigrants who first  
17 arrived in the islands over 200 years ago; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China,  
20 received his secondary education in Hawaii; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the mission of Education Advancement Fund  
23 International, a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization, is to  
24 educate underprivileged, economically-disadvantaged children;  
25 promote gender equity; and further the ideals of world peace by  
26 creating international understanding on a person-to-person  
27 basis; and



1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and Education Advancement  
 2 Fund International have forged connections with a number of  
 3 elite schools in Asia willing to enroll underprivileged,  
 4 economically-disadvantaged students in Hawaii in programs  
 5 involving one-to-one exchanges in which Hawaii students receive  
 6 tutoring in math and science and, in exchange, provide tutoring  
 7 in English; now, therefore,

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 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 10 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
 11 Representatives concurring, that the State is urged to provide  
 12 budgetary and fiscal support for the first cohort of 10 students  
 13 from Nanakuli and Waianae high schools to participate in the  
 14 2020 Hawaii-Asia Youth Program; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 17 encouraged to work with the Center for Chinese Studies of the  
 18 University of Hawaii at Manoa and Education Advancement Fund  
 19 International to:

- 20 (1) Recruit students to participate in; and  
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 22 (2) Manage logistics and related matters for,  
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 24 the 2020 Hawaii-Asia Youth Program; and  
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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 29 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of  
 30 the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the  
 31 University of Hawaii, Director of the Center for Chinese Studies  
 32 of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Project Director of  
 33 Education Advancement Fund International.  
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