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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF ALL UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII TRAVEL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-2019.

1 WHEREAS, the responsibility to authorize and approve travel
2 plans and expenses for University of Hawaii employees, students,
3 and others who travel on approved university business is
4 delegated to various executive authorities within the
5 University, including Vice Presidents, Chancellors, Vice
6 Chancellors, Deans, and Directors; and
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8 WHEREAS, the delegated authorities who approve travel are
9 responsible for exercising discretion in determining that travel
10 expenses are reasonable and appropriate; and
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12 WHEREAS, according to University of Hawaii Executive Policy
13 8.208, "[a]ll official travel should be prudently planned so
14 that the best interests of the University are served at the most
15 reasonable cost. Any individual traveling on University
16 business is expected to exercise the same economy that a
17 practical person would exercise when traveling on personal
18 business using personal funds. Individuals shall not incur
19 inappropriate or excessive expenses, or gain financially from
20 the University travel. Excessive costs or unjustified costs are
21 not acceptable and will not be reimbursed"; and
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23 WHEREAS, there are concerns that University of Hawaii
24 employees and other affiliated personnel are not following
25 travel policies and procedures; and
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27 WHEREAS, there are also concerns as to how delegated
28 authorities review and authorize the purpose of travel as
29 benefitting the University of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
32 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
33 Auditor is requested to conduct an audit of all University of
34 Hawaii travel for fiscal years 2014-2019; and
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S.R. NO. 31

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 2 submit a report of its finding and recommendations, including
 3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 5 2020; 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, President of the University
 10 of Hawaii, and State Auditor.

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