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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DRAFT A FIVE-YEAR  
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR A GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN CULTURAL  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

1       WHEREAS, in Hawaii, there is a high and demonstrated  
2 potential for adverse impact on precious cultural and  
3 environmental resources, community well-being, and economic  
4 stability, due to various construction projects; and  
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6       WHEREAS, these projects, if not handled with the support of  
7 trained professionals and consultation with appropriate  
8 community cultural leaders, can also cause heightened levels of  
9 concern, mistrust, expensive and time-consuming litigation, and  
10 an overall sense of loss; and  
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12       WHEREAS, federal and state agencies face a constant need  
13 for professionals who are trained in cultural resource  
14 management, especially in the disciplines of archaeology and  
15 anthropology, to ensure rigorous, timely, and professionally-  
16 reviewed compliance submissions for federal and state  
17 legislation, such as the federal Native American Graves  
18 Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 and Chapter 6E, Hawaii  
19 Revised Statutes, which establishes burial councils; and  
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21       WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Division of the  
22 Department of Land and Natural Resources is critically  
23 understaffed, resulting in severe backlogs of more than 250  
24 reports and reviews required to advance state and federal  
25 capital improvement projects at many levels; and  
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27       WHEREAS, the 26 permitted cultural resource management  
28 firms operating in the state are also critically understaffed,  
29 indicative of the widespread shortage of knowledgeable, trained  
30 professionals throughout the Pacific region; and



1 WHEREAS, in the past, the Bishop Museum has provided to the  
2 Pacific region, unparalleled expertise on historical  
3 conservation, preservation, and scholarly research in concert  
4 with native practitioners and cultural experts from all  
5 communities; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii lacks a local training program to develop a  
8 workforce of more cultural resource management professionals,  
9 which is vital in assisting federal, state, county, and private  
10 entities in maintaining the integrity of, and restoring  
11 leadership to, the State's academic, cultural, and conservation  
12 resources; and

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14 WHEREAS, there is no better place to develop these in-  
15 demand professionals than at the University of Hawaii at Hilo  
16 (UH-Hilo), which already supports "living laboratories" in the  
17 related fields of anthropology, geology, archaeology, astronomy,  
18 natural and environmental science, biology, and Hawaiian  
19 language; and

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21 WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of a cultural resource  
22 management program at UH-Hilo to include a graduate degree  
23 program within the Department of Anthropology, to maintain a  
24 close association with related programs at the University of  
25 Hawaii at Manoa (UH-Manoa), has elicited enormous interest from  
26 community, government, faculty, and student leaders; and

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28 WHEREAS, it is necessary to obtain a complete analysis of  
29 the resources and costs required to proceed with the  
30 establishment of a new degree program, similar to that required  
31 prior to the recent establishment of the UH-Hilo College of  
32 Pharmacy; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
35 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
36 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
37 Hawaii (UH) is requested to draft a five-year strategic plan for  
38 a graduate degree program in cultural resource management at UH-  
39 Hilo; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to consider  
 2 asking the chair of the Department of Anthropology at UH-Hilo to  
 3 appoint experts and stakeholders on the subject of cultural  
 4 resource management to develop the content and curriculum of the  
 5 program, which information is to be included in the strategic  
 6 plan; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UH is requested to consider  
 9 asking its business colleges -- such as the Shidler College of  
 10 Business at UH-Manoa and College of Business and Economics at  
 11 UH-Hilo -- and its vice chancellors for administrative affairs,  
 12 to develop the portion of the strategic plan relating to finance  
 13 and budgetary issues, to include:

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 15 (1) Projected enrollment and estimated tuition revenue;  
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 17 (2) Additional sources of revenue; and  
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 19 (3) Costs associated with the resources required;

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 25 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the  
 26 University of Hawaii, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at  
 27 Hilo, and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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 30 OFFERED BY:

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