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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A  
FEASIBILITY STUDY OF DEVELOPING A DEGREE GRANTING PROGRAM  
AND CENTER FOR PEACE EDUCATION.

1           WHEREAS, the current paradigm in peace education continues  
2 to encompass the definitions of peace as 'negative peace' and  
3 'positive peace', but goes beyond these definitions to embrace a  
4 comprehensive peace education that builds towards cultures of  
5 peace; and

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7           WHEREAS, peace education includes holistic, transformative,  
8 social, and integrative learning approaches to education that  
9 infuse current topics, such as economic and ecological  
10 sustainability, social justice, gender equality, globalization,  
11 indigenous and multicultural studies, and global technologies  
12 and communication, into the core curriculum for P-20; and

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14           WHEREAS, peace education is concerned with addressing  
15 direct and structural violence through the transformation of  
16 pedagogy, curriculum, and policy related to education in both  
17 formal and non-formal contexts; and

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19           WHEREAS, peace education promotes the values of tolerance  
20 and acceptance of all cultures, compassion and understanding of  
21 multiple perspectives, mutual respect, honoring differences,  
22 communication through non-violent strategies in resolving  
23 conflicts and building consensus in human relations, and global  
24 citizenship; and

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26           WHEREAS, peace education develops educational skills in  
27 critical thinking, taking the perspective of others, empathy,  
28 interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving, intercultural  
29 understanding, local and global perspective-taking, mediation,



1 reconciliation practices, and keeping abreast of current  
2 knowledge of international and global affairs; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Education regards peace  
5 education as inherent in programs such as conflict resolution,  
6 peer mediation, character education, anti-bullying workshops,  
7 leadership, and community service, yet does not consistently  
8 fund or implement such programs in every public school; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to be  
11 proactive in ensuring that Hawaii teachers are trained and  
12 educated in the current knowledge of, and holistic integrative  
13 teaching practices in, peace education so that teachers may  
14 prepare their students to effectively meet the changing demands  
15 in political affairs, ecological and geographical conditions,  
16 economic trends, career qualifications, and intercultural  
17 relations, both locally and globally; and

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19 WHEREAS, there is no comprehensive peace education program  
20 available for teacher professional education and training  
21 available in Hawaii to fully support this need; and

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23 WHEREAS, teacher education in Hawaii is an excellent venue  
24 for exploring peace-keeping and peace-building options, because  
25 Hawaii is a gateway to Pacific and Asian countries and  
26 contributes a unique Hawaiian perspective in values of peace and  
27 acceptance, unconditional personal regard, harmony, balance,  
28 patience, respect, pleasantness, and humility, all as expressed  
29 through such Hawaiian concepts as mahalo, aloha, lokahi, pono,  
30 ahonui, akahai, 'olu'olu, 'ihi, and ha'aha'a; and

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32 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of  
33 Education has interested and well qualified faculty across its  
34 several departments of curriculum studies, educational  
35 foundations, counseling education, and educational  
36 administration to form a peace education center that offers  
37 undergraduate and graduate degree granting programs for the  
38 education and training of teachers, school counselors, and  
39 principals; now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
42 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
43 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of



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1 Hawaii at Manoa College of Education is requested to form a  
 2 working committee to conduct a feasibility study on establishing  
 3 within the college a degree granting program and a center for  
 4 peace education; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 7 to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature not  
 8 later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular  
 9 Session of 2009; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the  
 13 University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education, the  
 14 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the President  
 15 of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of  
 16 Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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