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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH ABSENTEE-VOTING SITES AT ALL  
CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, one of the fundamental elements of a democratic  
2 system of government is the right, and duty, of voters to  
3 participate in the electoral process; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the lowest, if not the lowest,  
6 rates of voter participation among the 50 states; and  
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8           WHEREAS, research has consistently demonstrated that, for a  
9 variety of reasons, young people generally demonstrate very low  
10 rates of voter turnout; and  
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12           WHEREAS, it is critically important that more young people  
13 exercise their right to vote and to participate in the  
14 democratic process; and  
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16           WHEREAS, absentee voting has been shown to help increase  
17 rates of voter participation; now, therefore,  
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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Office of  
22 Elections is urged to work with the University of Hawaii System  
23 to establish absentee-voting sites on all campuses of the  
24 University of Hawaii System; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elections and  
27 University of Hawaii System set up absentee-voting sites on all  
28 campuses of the University of Hawaii System in time for the  
29 General Election of 2014; and  
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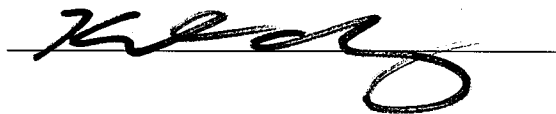


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Elections Commission, Chief Election Officer, Chairperson of the  
4 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and Interim  
5 President of the University of Hawaii.

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