

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA**  
**2465 Campus Road, Campus Center 211A**  
**Honolulu HI 96822**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 04-18**

**REGARDING THE 2018 HAWAII STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH has formalized positions on many subjects of priority to students, including cost of tuition and fees, university leadership and oversight, academic resources and student services, commitment to unique student populations, transportation, and more; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH 105th Senate is committed to improving the student experience by advocating for the ASUH Constituency at the Hawai'i State Legislature; and,
- WHEREAS*, the 2018 Hawai'i State Legislative Session convened on Wednesday, January 17, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS*, during this legislative session, state legislators have introduced over 180 bills that, if approved, will impact the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; and,
- WHEREAS*, many bills introduced this Legislative Session contradict or support the positions and/or discussions that the ASUH has formalized; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH has prominently opposed increased cost of attendance to UHM as expressed in ASUH Senate Resolution 27-16 *In Opposition to the University of Hawaii Tuition Proposal 2017-2020*<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH also passed Senate Resolution 20-14 *In Support of a Moratorium on Resident Tuition Increase at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa for the 2014-2015 Academic Year and to Explore, in Conjunction*

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<sup>1</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1468281954/SR\\_27-16\\_IN\\_OPPPOSITION\\_TO\\_THE\\_UNIVERSITY\\_OF\\_HAWAI'I\\_TUITION\\_PROPOSAL\\_FOR\\_ACADEMIC\\_YEARS\\_2017-2020\\_codified.pdf?1468281954](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1468281954/SR_27-16_IN_OPPPOSITION_TO_THE_UNIVERSITY_OF_HAWAI'I_TUITION_PROPOSAL_FOR_ACADEMIC_YEARS_2017-2020_codified.pdf?1468281954)

*with the Hawaii State Legislature Alternative Means to Address Tuition Increase*<sup>2</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that recognize the high cost of UH tuition and financial burden on students, and offer potential remedies that alleviate cost of attendance for students or limit the maximum cost of tuition; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH implemented a UPASS fee at UHM, mandating that all students pay the semesterly UPASS fee to receive full access to TheBus, which is an agreement between ASUH and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu as maintained by the Committee on Student Affairs on the ASUH; and,

*WHEREAS*, there is currently a bill that proposes a subsidization to the transportation fees at UHM and at UH West Oahu aimed to reduce the cost of attendance for students at UHM; and,

*WHEREAS*, the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR) is comprised of fifteen regents, including a Student Regent, of whom represents all students in the University of Hawaii, including students at UHM; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH values the official student representation on the BOR as shown through shared recommendations formalized in a resolution<sup>3</sup> in regards to the Student Regent position on the BOR; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that propose changes to the current selection process of the University of Hawaii BOR that restrict qualified students to be a Student Regent; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH has effectively worked with the BOR through the processes the ASUH must go through in order to maintain its current operations, that include oversight of the ASUH Stadium Stock Portfolio, an investments fund that provides at least \$400,000 each year to student programs, services, and support and ASUH operations; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that propose changes to the Hawaii State Constitution and Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) regarding the jurisdiction and power of the BOR, which in return could impact the effectiveness of the operations of the ASUH; and,

*WHEREAS*, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) consists of full-time undergraduates that are veterans of the United States Military. The

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<sup>2</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1487808243/Senate\\_Resolution\\_20-14\\_CODIFIED.pdf?1487808243](https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1487808243/Senate_Resolution_20-14_CODIFIED.pdf?1487808243)

<sup>3</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1423608770/SR\\_13-15\\_Student\\_Representation\\_on\\_BOR.pdf?1423608770](https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1423608770/SR_13-15_Student_Representation_on_BOR.pdf?1423608770)

Federal Reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Hawaii National Guard are included as the United States Military; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH has shown continuous support for student veterans through Senate Resolution 33-14 *IN SUPPORT OF IN-STATE TUITION FOR MILITARY VETERANS*<sup>4</sup> and Senate Resolution 17-17 *IN REGARDS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA'S (UHM) COMMITMENT TO STUDENT VETERANS*<sup>5</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS*, there is currently a bill that would extend current UH tuition assistance for Hawaii National Guard to include retired Hawaii National Guard enlisted persons, warrant officers, and company grade officers; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH 105th Senate has identified priorities at the beginning of the fiscal year in order to guide the advocacy efforts of the 105th Senate: support for Open Educational Resources, a sustainable UH Green Revolving Fund, efforts towards making UHM more convenient for students; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH has shown support for the integration of Open Educational Resources as outlined in Senate Resolution 14-16 *In Support of Incorporating Open Educational Resources into General Education Curricula*<sup>6</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS*, the ASUH has shown support for a Green Revolving Fund as outlined in Senate Resolution 04-16 *In Support of a Green Revolving fund at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa*<sup>7</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that recognizes the support that Open Educational Resources has on the cost of textbook and materials for students at the University of Hawaii; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that outline the processes for the University of Hawaii Green Special Fund; and,

*WHEREAS*, there are currently bills that aim to make a campus a more convenient place for students and that enhance the academic and social experience at UHM; and,

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<sup>4</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1487808812/Senate\\_Resolution\\_33-14\\_CODIFIED.pdf?1487808812](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1487808812/Senate_Resolution_33-14_CODIFIED.pdf?1487808812)

<sup>5</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1490396367/SR\\_17-17\\_IN\\_REGARDS\\_TO\\_UHM\\_COMMITMENT\\_TO\\_STUDENT\\_VETERANS.pdf?1490396367](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1490396367/SR_17-17_IN_REGARDS_TO_UHM_COMMITMENT_TO_STUDENT_VETERANS.pdf?1490396367)

<sup>6</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1463175886/SR\\_14-16\\_In\\_Support\\_of\\_Incorporating\\_Open\\_Educational\\_Resources\\_into\\_General\\_Education\\_Curricula\\_CODIFIED.pdf?1463175886](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1463175886/SR_14-16_In_Support_of_Incorporating_Open_Educational_Resources_into_General_Education_Curricula_CODIFIED.pdf?1463175886)

<sup>7</sup>[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1453414689/SR\\_04-16\\_In\\_Support\\_of\\_a\\_Green\\_Revolving\\_Fund\\_at\\_the\\_UHM\\_CODIFIED.pdf?1453414689](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1453414689/SR_04-16_In_Support_of_a_Green_Revolving_Fund_at_the_UHM_CODIFIED.pdf?1453414689)

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that ASUH recognizes the high cost of UH tuition and financial burden on students, and supports implementable remedies that alleviate cost of attendance for students or limit the maximum cost of tuition; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH does not support changes to the current selection process of the University of Hawaii BOR that restrict qualified students to be a Student Regent; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH does not support removal of the sole jurisdiction and power from the BOR of UH as it could impact the effectiveness of the operations of the ASUH; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH supports extended consistent recognition to U.S. military and Hawaii National Guard personnel, both current and retired, who currently study at UHM; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH supports implementable remedies that alleviate the high cost of textbooks through the use of Open Educational Resources; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH supports the University of Hawaii autonomy to effectively utilize the UH Green Special Fund; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH supports efforts that make campus a more convenient place for students and that enhance the academic and social experience at UHM; and,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,* that the ASUH shall be best represented in all advocacy efforts at the Hawaii State Legislature; and,

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,* that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:  
the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents Chair Jan Naoe Sullivan and Members, President and UHM Interim Chancellor David Lassner, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Research Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, the Graduate Student Organization, Ka Leo O Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Representatives Angus L. K. McKelvey, Mark J. Hashem, Silvia Luke and Ty J. K. Cullen, and Hawai‘i State Senators Kaialii Kahele, Donna Mercado Kim, Donovan M. Dela Cruz and Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran.

**⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SR 04-18**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Vargas, Willis, Yamada [22]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** Senator Manabe [1]

**⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 04-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Vargas, Willis [20]

**Naye(s):** Treasurer Hinshaw, Senator Yamada [2]

**Abstention(s):** [0]

Introducers: Micah Leval, Senator-at-Large, Jaylin Petersen, Senator for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resource