

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 05-20
IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT ALOHA 'ĀINA FUND

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, with support from Native Hawaiian Student Services (NHSS), conducted a survey of the student body, of which there was 1,654 respondents. The survey was promoted through multiple ASUH tabling sessions and e-announce emails to all students to reach the entire student body. It was also promoted through NHSS email newsletters to all Native Hawaiian students to specifically reach kānaka maoli, our students most impacted by educational costs coming from families who—despite being the original people of Hawai'i—have the lowest income levels of the five largest ethnic groups in Hawai'i among other economic disparities¹; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned survey found 73% of participants were in favor of establishing a student fee for a sustainability fund²; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned survey found that 51% of the participants were in favor of establishing a student fee of \$15 and 19% of the participants were in favor of establishing a \$30 fee. Respectively, each could result in \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 in fee revenue per academic year, which demonstrates substantial will and agency of students in addressing sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, the 102nd ASUH Senate passed Senate Resolution 02-15, showing support for the creation of a student sustainability fund to promote sustainable campus-based projects and facilitate sustainability activity efforts³; and,

¹http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/economic/reports/SelectedRacesCharacteristics_HawaiiReport.pdf

²<https://drive.google.com/a/hawaii.edu/file/d/0BzrMZRnMec9xRDhxNXdKSW0yVms3ZG5zRTVYaHMwZEZCWVQ0/view?usp=sharing>

³https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/57/attachments/original/1414694250/SR_02-15_Sustainability_CODIFIED.pdf?1414694250

WHEREAS, the sustainability fund can aid the university in achieving targets laid out in the Executive Sustainability Policy (2015) pertaining to operations, curriculum, research and scholarship, community engagement, and cultural connections and its legislative mandate to become net-zero, in respect to energy, by 2035⁴; and,

WHEREAS, the main theme for the University’s 2020 WASC accreditation review was identified by campus executives to be “Aloha ‘Āina;” and,

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i legislature enacted HB 623 which set a first of its kind mandate requiring 100% of energy sales in Hawai‘i to be renewable by 2045⁵; and,

WHEREAS, 15 of 18 of UH’s peer and benchmark schools already have student fees for sustainability, but UH would be the first indigenous serving institution to steward such a fee⁶; and,

WHEREAS, the following are known sustainability fee amounts of peer or benchmark schools:

- University of Illinois at Chicago - \$6 per semester
- University of Utah - \$2.50 per semester
- University of California Irvine - \$3.50 per quarter
- University of Tennessee - \$10 for in-state students and \$35 for out-of-state students per semester; and,

WHEREAS, UH Mānoa (UHM) has a goal of being a Hawaiian Place of Learning; and,

WHEREAS, the Aloha ‘Āina Fund will provide grants to UHM students, faculty, and staff to carry out works of sustainability related to the aforementioned goals; and,

WHEREAS, the below outlines tentative plans based on the progression of the Aloha ‘Āina Fund’s implementation as well as other varying factors (e.g., input from the fee committee, BOR, NHSS, etc.); and,

⁴ http://capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1509&year=2015

⁵ https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=623&year=2015

⁶ <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/peersbenchmark/>

WHEREAS, a student committee will select works that include projects, programs, research, and scholarships to receive fund monies; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed student committee would be comprised of, but not limited to, members from students in these bodies: ASUH, GSO, Office of Sustainability, Native Hawaiian Student Services, and Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, the student committee will evaluate and award proposals based on whether they synergize the following university policies:

1. the cultural connections principles of the UH Executive Policy, EP 4.202, System Sustainability. The policy states, “The University will create a sustainable living and learning environment that honors its cultural foundation and addresses the challenges and opportunities of its location”.

2. the unique designation as an indigenous serving institution and, specifically, a Native Hawaiian Place of Learning. The University strategic plan places an emphasis on Aloha ‘Āina.

3. the mission and purpose section of [Board of Regents Policy 4.201, Mission and Purpose of the University](#). The policy states, “The university shall be a global leader and model for the integration of sustainability throughout its teaching, research, operations, and public service. The university recognizes that an important knowledge base in sustainable island systems resides in the indigenous people of Hawai‘i and all those for whom Hawai‘i is home. The university commits to consult with local cultural practitioners and sustainability experts on best practices in sustainable resource allocation and use for the well-being of our communities, our state, and the world.”; and,

WHEREAS, the fund monies shall be allocated in the following proportions: 50 percent for all campus constituent projects or programs, 40 percent for student research, fellowships, or scholarships, and 10 percent for administration of the fund to support marketing and outreach; and,

WHEREAS, the administration of the fund will provide sufficient resources and coordination to ensure that students are thoroughly aware of their opportunity to apply for fund monies; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH believes that UH Mānoa, being the flagship university and highest institution of learning in Hawai‘i, should be the pioneers of sustainability; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports the creation of an Aloha ‘Āina Fund which will support sustainability projects, research, and scholarship with an emphasis on place-based learning; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports an Aloha ‘Āina student fee in an amount that is based on similar fees assessed by UH Mānoa’s peer and benchmark schools, and the results of the aforementioned student survey, beginning at \$5 per semester and increasing gradually based on the fund’s success; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports student funds overseen by an organized body who ensures its effectiveness towards the success of students at UHM by carefully and regularly budgeting, utilizing, and evaluating the use of the funds. ASUH supports such an organization to improve the effectiveness of a fund towards student success; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUH calls on University of Hawai‘i administrators and Board of Regents to uplift this student-led effort to implement the Aloha ‘Āina Fund in Fall 2020; 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 Benjamin Kudo and Members, President David Lassner, Provost Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, Dean of Hawai‘inuiākea Jon Osorio, Director of NHSS Willy Kauai, the Graduate Student Organization, KHON2 News, KITV4 News, Hawai‘i News Now, Honolulu Civil Beat, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

INTRODUCED BY:
Jungha Kim, Senator-At-Large

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF SENATE RESOLUTION 05-20

Aye(s): Treasurer Pacanuayan, Senators-At-Large Kim, Senators Balico, Finley-Johnson, Juliano, Leval [6]

Naye(s): Senator-At-Large Manabe, Urasaki, Senator Armstrong-Patterson, Baguio, Bowersmith, Friedman, Lee, Luitel, Salameh [9]

Abstention(s): [0]

ON THE 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019, THE 107th SENATE DEFEATED THE MEASURE.

2/3rds ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL SENATE RESOLUTION 05-20

Aye(s): Interim Secretary Dela Cruz, Senators-At-Large Kim, Manabe, Urasaki, Senators Armstrong-Patterson, Aspacio, Baguio, Balico, Bowersmith, Finley-Johnson, Juliano, Lee, Leval, Luitel, Salameh, Transfiguracion [16]

Naye(s): Vice President Chun, Treasurer Pacanuayan [2]

Abstention(s): [0]

ON THE 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019, THE 107th SENATE RECALLED THE MEASURE.

3/5rds ROLL CALL VOTE TO DISCHARGE SENATE RESOLUTION 05-20 FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Aye(s): Vice President Chun, Interim Secretary Dela Cruz, Senators-At-Large Kim, Manabe, Urasaki, Senators Armstrong-Patterson, Baguio, Balico, Bowersmith, Datwani, Friedman, Lee, Leval, Luitel, Rafid, Salameh, Shimizu, Yoshida [18]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

ON THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019, THE 107th SENATE DISCHARGED THE MEASURE FOR REVIEW BY THE SENATE.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO READOPT SENATE RESOLUTION 05-20 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Chun, Secretary Tacey, Senator-At-Large Manabe, Senators Albano, Baguio, Balico, Bowersmith, Dela Cruz, Friedman, Juliano, Leval, Luitel, Rafid, Salameh, Shimizu, Transfiguracion, Yoshida, Ka. [17]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

THE MEASURE HAS BEEN APPROVED AND READOPTED BY THE 107th SENATE ON THE 23th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.



Jannah Lyn Dela Cruz



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President, 107th Senate

Interim Secretary, 107th Senate