

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 07-18

IN SUPPORT OF UH MĀNOA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Senate (ASUH Mānoa) is the elected body representing approximately 11,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, on the morning of January 13, 2018, the Hawaii Emergency Agency sent a false text alert to Hawaii residents of an incoming ballistic missile; and,

WHEREAS, students, faculty, and staff were in a state of confusion due to insufficient knowledge of emergency procedures during the day of the false missile alert; and,

WHEREAS, students on campus had sought evacuation shelters that were unknowingly decommissioned believing that these locations were accessible due to signage that was not removed yet outdated, causing students fear and confusion; and,

WHEREAS, the campus had no readily available safety maps or diagrams for students to locate and shelter-in-place or evacuate in times of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Resident Assistants of the UHM Student Housing did not have training or preparation to respond to said crisis resulting in more confusion for students that lived on campus; and,

WHEREAS, the communication between students and the campus was scattered and failed to notify all students and their emergency contact during the crisis; and,

WHEREAS, it has been made abundantly clear that revisions in emergency procedures would ensure the safety and well-being of the students; now therefore,

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SENATE ON APRIL 4TH, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED,

the ASUH supports the initiative in updating safety protocols and drills for all manners emergency; and,

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that the ASUH appreciates all communication alerts between the students, faculty, staff, and emergency contacts; and,

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the ASUH supports the access to counseling services campus wide for emergency situations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the UH Mānoa Administration allocate appropriate funds to create signs within each building to display procedures in the event of an emergency; and,

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that Student Housing Services shall consider coordinating training with the residential assistants in updated emergency procedures and/or drills for each semester before the first academic day of the term; and,

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that the university email notification system is updated to send notifications within minutes of any said incident; and,

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that attempts be made to simulate emergency procedures in order to inform the campus populace about proper emergency procedures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

the ASUH encourages UH Mānoa administration to establish evacuation/shelter-in- place plans for each building on the campus and thoroughly inspect every building on the campus to establish safe-zones within them; 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, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Operations Kathy Cutshaw, UHM Office of Planning and Facilities, Interim Dean of Students and Student Housing Services Director Laurie Furutani, the Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i, members of the Campus Safety Advisory committee, and the UHM Department of Public Safety.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 07-18

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

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introducers: Landon Li, Senator, College of Arts & Sciences, Andrew Kalani Simeona, Senator, Hawai‘inuiākea, School of Hawaiian Knowledge