

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 06-26

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1870

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 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and
- WHEREAS,* HB1870, would establish statewide standards for state and county agencies, officers, employees, and recipients of state funds, to limit participation in civil immigration enforcement in or near protected community locations that provide state-funded services related to education, physical or mental health, social services such as shelter care or food assistance, or access to justice, including schools, health care facilities, libraries, shelters, and places of worship¹; and
- WHEREAS,* HB 1870 would require the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Hawai'i State Public Library System, and Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to adopt and post written policies, provide annual staff training, and maintain data privacy protections; and
- WHEREAS,* HB 1870 would appropriate funds for implementation by the Attorney General; and
- WHEREAS,* HB 1870 specifically requires University of Hawai'i System to comply with chapter, relating to protected community locations and civil immigration enforcement, including adopting and posting written policies, providing annual staff training, and maintaining data privacy protections; and
- WHEREAS,* news and public perception have discouraged individuals from seeking medical care, pursuing education, securing critical services or engaging with law enforcement – placing public health and safety at risk. The fear of seeking health care and essential services compromises the health of everyone in a community²; and
- WHEREAS,* reduction in school attendance and anxiety about immigration enforcement disrupts the learning environment and affects the mental health of all students³; and
- WHEREAS,* the limiting of immigration enforcement activities in sensitive areas to the maximum extent possible, consistent with federal law helps defend the constitutional and statutory rights of students, patients, health care and social service providers and faith-based groups⁴; and

¹ H.B. 1870 2026 Biennium, House of Representatives 34th Hawai'i State Legislature. (HI, 2026).

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2026/bills/HB1870_.HTM

² Research Documents the Harm of Past Public Charge Policies Protecting Immigrant Families (May 2023); Mixed-Status Families and Immigrant Families with Children Continued Avoiding Safety Net Programs in 2023 Urban Institute (Aug. 2024).

³ Kirksey, J. J., & Sattin-Bajaj, C. Immigration Arrests and Educational Impacts: Linking ICE Arrests to Declines in Achievement, Attendance, and School Climate and Safety in California. AERA Open (Oct. 4, 2021).

⁴ [Rescission of Protected Areas Policies Undermines Safety](#) for All National Immigration Law Center (Jan. 2025)

WHEREAS, we recognize that international students on J-1 visas make up 6% of UHM's student population⁵. Moreover, the broader campus community includes a significant immigrant population whose diverse backgrounds enrich the university environment, all of whom deserve fair and equal treatment regardless of immigration status; and

BE IT RESOLVED, ASUH supports any efforts to establish statewide standards for state and county agencies, officers, and employees, and recipients of state funds, to limit participation in civil immigration enforcement to defend the constitutional and statutory rights of students, patients, health care and social service providers and faith-based groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH acknowledges current University of Hawai'i at Mānoa students and alumni who are being affected by the current attacks on immigrant communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH pledges to actively engage in advocacy efforts, community outreach, and coalition building with the immigrant community to advance HB 1870 and all other efforts to support immigrants, no matter their immigration status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to all state senators in the Hawai'i State Senate, UH President Wendy Hensel, the UH Board of Regents, Hawai'i State Governor Josh Green, Hawai'i State Senate President Kouchi, Hawai'i State House Speaker Nakamura, Chair Garrett of the House Higher Education Committee, Vice Chair Amato of the House Higher Education Committee, Congresswoman Jill Tokuda, Congressman Ed Case, Senator Brian Schatz, and Senator Mazie Hirono, UHM Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

Introduced by: Lord Vinz Sugui Senator-at-Large
Samantha Avila-Gomez, Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 06-26

Aye(s):

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

⁵ About UH Mānoa." University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, manoa.hawaii.edu/about/.