

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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In the Senate
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Senate Resolution 12-15
For First Reading

IN SUPPORT OF A U-PASS STUDENT FEE FOR FALL 2015 – SPRING 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS,* the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i (ASUH) is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS,* over 20,000 students currently attend the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and there are 3,300 lower campus stalls available for parking, yielding a ratio of approximately 6:1 students to stalls; and,¹
- WHEREAS,* Section 13-2.1 (j) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with colleges and universities for a public transportation pass program; and,
- WHEREAS,* in 2009, ASUH in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu (City) agreed to implement such a program that allows students to ride TheBus for an equitable, reasonable, and fiscally prudent fare rate; and,
- WHEREAS,* in the Fall 2013 semester, 15,068 students picked up their U-PASSes, and as of April 29, 2014, 12,958 students have picked up their U-PASSes; and,
- WHEREAS,* the 2-year U-PASS pilot program started in Fall 2010 at the cost of \$20 a semester issued to all UHM full-time undergraduate and graduate students, excluding Medical, Law and Outreach College students ; and,
- WHEREAS,* ASUH and the City and County of Honolulu (CCH) agreed to renew the 2-year U-PASS pilot program starting in Fall 2012 at the cost of \$30 a semester because of its success in its first 2-year implementation; and,
- WHEREAS,* on May 01, 2014, the CCH drafted a new U-PASS contract for Spring 2015 until Fall 2016 of \$50 a semester at the start of Spring 2015 to \$75 a semester at the start of Spring 2016, but ASUH did not agree to this new rate because from a survey that ASUH took, there was no data to support this proposed rate; and,

¹ Shoup et al., 2001 Unlimited Access Survey prepared by the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies, School of Public Policy and Social Research.

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WHEREAS, at the end of the renewed contract's term in Fall 2014, ASUH and the CCH decided to extend the current contract until the end of the Spring 2015 semester because a new contract was not agreed upon in time; and,

WHEREAS, shortly afterwards, the CCH came up with a new contract that better reflected the conditions of what ASUH was negotiating for which set the fee as \$40.00 for the Fall 2015 to Spring 2016 semester and \$50.00 for the Fall 2016 to Spring 2017 semester; and,

WHEREAS, the U-PASS program was initially started in the hopes of educating the student body the importance of public transportation on this island; and,

WHEREAS, from the survey that ASUH took, there was data to show that students who did not use the U-PASS were still willing to support the program, indicating the success of the U-PASS program to raise awareness of public transportation at the university level; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 102nd ASUH firmly supports the extension of the pilot program, which would set the fee of \$40.00 for the Fall 2015 to Spring 2016 semester and \$50.00 for the Fall 2016 to Spring 2017 semester and continue to allow students unlimited access to The Bus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 102nd ASUH hopes the success of the U-PASS will continue with many more years to come; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, President David Lassner, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Chancellor Robert-Bley Vroman, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, & Operations Kathy Cutshaw, Vice Chancellor for Students Francisco Hernandez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Students and Dean of Students Lori Ideta, Graduate Student Organization President Michelle Tigchelaar, Honolulu City Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Honolulu City Council Chair Ernie Martin, Honolulu City Council Transportation Committee Chairperson Joey Manahan, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services Director Michael Formby, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

Sean Mitsui

Introducing Member

Senator of the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences

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