

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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In the Senate
8/28/25

Senate Resolution 01-26

IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING CAMPUS CENTER AS AN EMERGENCY SAFE ZONE FOR UH MĀNOA STUDENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) is located in a coastal region vulnerable to a range of natural and civil emergencies, including but not limited to tsunami warnings, hurricanes, flash floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and other climate-related or geopolitical threats, and;

WHEREAS, on July 29 2025, a statewide tsunami warning was issued, prompting many residents—including UHM students and families in flood-prone areas—to seek shelter inland, with the UHM Campus Center being a natural destination due to its centrality and public familiarity, and;

WHEREAS, during this event, the Campus Center was locked and inaccessible, and approximately 100 students and other individuals gathered outside the facility with no access to bathrooms, clean water, or shelter—creating unnecessary risk and distress, and;

WHEREAS, the Campus Center serves as the primary student activity hub and is uniquely positioned to act as an emergency safe zone for the over 20,000 students enrolled at the University, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i (ASUH) formally advocate for the designation of the UHM Campus Center as an Emergency Safe Zone for students during times of civil emergency, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUH urges the Campus Center Board to consider designating the Campus Center as an Emergency Safe Zone for UHM students during times of civil emergency, ensuring that the facility, including restrooms, are unlocked and accessible during emergency declarations and/or warnings; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the UHM President Wendy Hensel, Interim Manoa Provost Cassilis L. Syrmos, Interim Vice Provost for Student Success Katrina-Ann K. Oliveira, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Students Erin K. Wright, and Director of the Office of Student Life and Development Mandy Westfall-Senda.

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 01-26:IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING CAMPUS CENTER AS AN EMERGENCY SAFE ZONE FOR UH MĀNOA STUDENTS
Aye(s): Pres Watson, VP Ziadeh, Sec Sugui, Sen Aglanao, Sen Pale, Sen Laguatan, Sen Bachiller, Sen Garcia, Sen Jaquish [9]

ADOPTED BY THE 113TH SENATE ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST 2025

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

INTRODUCED BY:

Ulupuhi Pale, Senator of Arts and Sciences

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary
Lord Vinz Sugui

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