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SENATE ACT 40-20

To Appropriate Funding for the Continuity of ASUH’s ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

SECTION I PURPOSE

On December 11, 2019, ASUH passed Senate Act 20-20 in support of the creation of a non-credit ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i class. The intent was to offer a one-hour a week conversational Hawaiian language class in the Campus Center Complex to expose more students and community members to the language without the added burden of tuition costs and/or potential impact on grade-point-average that comes with credit courses.

In Spring 2020, the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i class started with over 300 participants in attendance for the first session. In the 8 sessions held in the months of January through March, the class averaged 200 students per session. The attendees included UHM students, faculty, staff, and community members. The eight sessions were also live-streamed on Facebook which collectively received more than 10,000 views.

Following spring recess and the COVID-19 induced transition to on-line education, the class has been offered on-line via Facebook live. The first five sessions received a staggering 64,000 views collectively.

As the Spring 2020 semester comes to a conclusion it is the purpose of this senate bill to ensure the continuity of the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative and to recognize the extraordinary service of the Kumu. It will also allow time to seek support from the UHM administration to institutionalize this program with full-time funding and support.

SECTION II APPROPRIATIONS

A total of \$15,900.00 shall be appropriated from Senate Account 3325232 (University Services, Programs, and Support)

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| Recognition Award for Student Kumu..... | \$15,900.00 |
| Total..... | \$15,900.00 |

SECTION III PROVISIONS

These funds shall be used for awards for service for two graduate student kumu and one undergraduate assistant from Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language. These funds will be awarded during Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021.

ASUH shall work in collaboration with the student kumu assisting with promotion of the class.

ASUH shall be recognized as the sponsor of this event.

THIS MEASURE HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE ASUH 107TH SENATE

SECTION IV. Any unexpected or unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this act as of the close of business on May 12, 2021 shall lapse into Senate Account 3325232.

SECTION V. The Treasurer is authorized to draw upon said account.

SECTION VI. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Senate

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Raiyan Rafid
Introducing Member
Vice-President