

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

Senate Resolution 02-26

IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT U-PASS FEE FOR FALL 2026 TO SPRING 2030

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 12,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, over 20,000 students currently attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) and there are approximately 5,000 lower campus stalls available for parking; and,
- WHEREAS*, Section 13-2.1 (j) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, authorizes the City and County of Honolulu (City) to enter into an agreement with colleges and universities for a public transportation pass program; and,
- WHEREAS*, in 2009, the ASUH in conjunction with the City agreed to implement such a program that allows students to ride TheBus for an equitable, reasonable, and fiscally prudent fare rate; and,
- WHEREAS*, the 2-year U-PASS pilot program began in Fall 2010 as a mandatory, semesterly fee of \$20 issued to all UHM full-time undergraduate and graduate students, excluding those enrolled in the John A. Burns School of Medicine, William S. Richardson School of Law, and Outreach College; and,
- WHEREAS*, due to the success of its initial iteration, the U-PASS program has been renewed on a regular basis since Fall 2012; and,
- WHEREAS*, on April 4, 2017, City representatives tentatively agreed to the request and drafted an updated Memorandum of Agreement, effective Fall 2017, extending the U-PASS program as well as the current rate of \$50 a semester for the past 9 years; and,
- WHEREAS*, in a survey conducted in Fall, 2024, 93% of respondents stated that they utilize TheBus as a means of transportation, 87% of respondents stated that the UPASS was an essential part of their transportation options; and,
- WHEREAS*, in Fall 2024 there were 9,766 U-PASS users that used their IDs to ride 763,018 times, and in Spring 2025 there were 8,752 U-PASS users that used their IDs to ride 624,038; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED*, That the ASUH supports the extension the U-PASS program by an increase of the U-PASS student fee of \$50 by \$5 increments across the next 4 academic years starting in Fall 2026 from \$50 to \$55 per semester, and increasing by \$5 in Fall 2027 to \$60 per semester, Fall 2028 to \$65 per semester, and Fall 2029 to \$70 per semester, and allow students unlimited access to The Bus; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the ASUH shall continue working with City representatives to negotiate future agreements; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the ASUH hopes the success of the U-PASS program will continue for many years to come, as it provides students an affordable and sustainable means of transportation to and from UH Mānoa; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

that this resolution be transmitted to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, UH President Wendy Hensel, Interim Manoa Provost Vassilis L. Syrmos, Manoa Office of Business and Finance Director, Sandy French, Interim Vice Provost for Student Success Katrina-Ann K. Oliveira, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Students Erin K. Wright, the UH Mānoa Graduate Student Organization, the Director of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services Roger Morton, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 02-26: IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT U-PASS FEE FOR FALL 2026 TO SPRING 2030

Aye(s): Pres Watson, VP Ziadeh, Sec Sugui, Sen Aglanao, Sen Pale, Sen Laguatan, Sen Bachiller, Sen Garcia, Sen Jaquish [9]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introduced by: Lord Vinz Sugui, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary
Lord Vinz Sugui