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Senate Act 09-21: 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. Collectively all on-line classes received over 80,000 views as people joined statewide, nationwide and even from other countries. Exhibiting the great need and interest for these sessions.

Upon the completion of Spring 2020 semester, ASUH approved Senate Act 40-20 to ensure the continuity of the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative until the Spring 2021 semester. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and public health concerns; the classes continued to take place on various online platforms.

Subsequent to approving Senate Act 40-20, ASUH submitted an [Action Memo](#) to the UHM Provost office asking for institutional support to further continue the initiative and achieve goals outlined in the Action Memo.

As the funding provided through Senate Act 40-20 comes to an end, ASUH realizes the importance of the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative’s continuance. In the event the UHM administration is unable to approve the Action Memo submitted in May 2020, it is the purpose of this senate bill to ensure the continuity of the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative through May 2022.

ASUH realizes that the funds appropriated through this act is not compensation but merely recognition of the extraordinary service of the Kumu. ASUH calls the UHM administration to approve the Action Memo or seek alternative sources of funding to institutionalize and continue this ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative beyond 2022.

SECTION II APPROPRIATIONS

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

Recognition Award for Kumu.....\$15,900.00

APPROVED BY THE 109TH SENATE ON THE 5TH OF MAY 2021

Total.....\$15,900.00

SECTION III PROVISIONS

These funds shall be used for awards for service for Nā Kumu. These funds will be awarded during Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022. Summer 2021 will be used as a discussion and planning period for the future of the initiative.

ASUH shall work in collaboration with Nā Kumu assisting with the promotion of the class.

ASUH shall be recognized as the sponsor of this event.

SECTION IV. Any unexpected or unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this act as of the close of business on May 12, 2022 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

½ ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 09-21 : TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUITY OF ASUH'S 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I INITIATIVE

Aye(s): Vice President Kim, Secretary Gogue, Senators-At-Large Anuszcwska, Kaeo, Loos, Renteria; Senators Baguio, Chua, Crowell, Garrett, Hokama-Paris, Keim, Kirwan, Lorica, Okamura, Pierce, Rollon, Sabandal, Shimizu, Taira, Takanishi [21]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]