

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 13-17

IN SUPPORT OF HAWAIIAN ENFRANCHISEMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 11,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, there are 1,921 classified undergraduate students that identify as Hawaiian Ancestry¹; and,

WHEREAS, under the Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao in the University of Hawai'i Strategic Directions for 2015-2021, it states "the University embraces its unique responsibility to the indigenous people of Hawai'i...and support for the Hawaiian language, history, and culture"².

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution states, "English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawai'i, except that Hawaiian shall be required for public acts and transactions only as provided by law"³; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution states, "the State shall promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history and language"⁴; and,

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Office of Instructional Support (OIS) established the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program⁵; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program has established thirteen schools, varying from elementary to high schools, that teach exclusively in Hawaiian; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, there is an estimated three thousand students in the K-12 and 1,500 students enrolled in university classes each semester who utilize Hawaiian as a form of communication; and,

WHEREAS, SB 643 and its companion bill HB 1264 was introduced in the 29th Legislature of Hawai'i; and,

WHEREAS, SB 643 and HB 1264 calls for government documents and other publically funded publications to be made available in the Hawaiian Language; and,

¹ http://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Native-Hawaiian-or-Part-Hwan_enroll-undergrad-1.pdf

² <http://blog.hawaii.edu/strategicdirections/files/2015/01/StrategicDirectionsFINAL-013015.pdf>

³ <http://lrbhawaii.org/con/conart15.html>

⁴ <http://lrbhawaii.org/con/conart10.html>

⁵ <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/StudentLearning/HawaiianEducation/Pages/History-of-the-Hawaiian-Education-program.aspx>

WHEREAS, SB 643 and HB 1264, also calls for the Hawaiian Language to be required in “all public acts and transactions”; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports the quintessential principle of providing access to government; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports the use of Hawaiian language in government documents and publicly funded publications; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH supports the passage of SB 643 and its companion bill HB 1264 which provides for such usage; and therefore,

NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Hawai‘i State Senators Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, J. Kalani English, Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Clarence K. Nishihara, Hawai‘i State Representative Takashi Ohno, UH President and UH Mānoa Interim Chancellor David Lassner; the UH Board of Regents Chairperson Jan Sullivan and Members; UH Mānoa Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta; UH Mānoa Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Mike Kaptik; and the Ka Leo of Hawai‘i

ROLL CALL VOTES

Aye(s): Vice President Dela Cruz, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Finau, Fong, Ho, Honda, Ikeda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Wang, Yamada, Zabanal **[25]**

Naye(s): [0]

Introducers: David B. Enriquez, Senator-at-Large, Chairperson, External Affairs; Nanea Lo, Senator of the Hawai‘inuiākea School Hawaiian Knowledge; Micah Leval, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences