

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 13-15

IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I BOARD OF REGENTS

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 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the University of Hawai'i System is headed by an executive board known as the Board of Regents; and,
- WHEREAS*, the Board of Regents is currently a mutual number in regards to operations and expenses board with only one (1) voting member being a University of Hawai'i student at the time of initial appointment; and,¹
- WHEREAS*, currently, this one (1) voting student serves a term of two years, and is appointed by the Governor of the State of Hawai'i from a list of qualifying candidates; and,²
- WHEREAS*, this one (1) voting student provides the perspective of students from across the University of Hawai'i System;
- WHEREAS*, currently, the University of Hawai'i System has almost 59,000 students enrolled;
- WHEREAS*, student support for the structure of the Board of Regents is currently at a very low point and in light of the recent events, undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa have expressed their displeasure with the Board of Regents; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 102nd Senate supports student representation on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents being increased to two (2) voting student Regents, with the addition of one (1) voting student Regent; and,

¹ Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 26, Section 11

² Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 26, Section 11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 102nd Senate recommends that these two (2) student Regents shall have staggered terms, with each student Regent serving terms of two (2) years; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 102nd Senate recommends that any student from any University of Hawai'i 4-year campus or community college be eligible to serve for both student Regent positions and are subject to the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) selection process and approval by the Governor; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 102nd Senate recommends that the overall composition of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents be kept at its current size of fifteen (15) total members; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 102nd Senate recognizes that the addition of one voice student member will allow the increase of student representation on the Board without increasing expenses associated with the operations of the Board; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: State of Hawai'i Governor David Ige; State of Hawai'i Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui; Senate Higher Education and the Arts Committee Chairperson Brian Taniguchi; Senate Higher Education and the Arts Committee Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Inouye; House Higher Education Committee Chairperson Isaac Choy; House Higher Education Committee Vice-Chairperson Linda Ichiyama; Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i Chairperson Randolph Moore and members; University of Hawai'i President David Lassner; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Interim-Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman; Mānoa Faculty Senate Chairperson Bontekoe; Student Governments throughout the University of Hawai'i System; the Honolulu Star Advertiser; and the Ka Leo o Hawai'i.

Aye(s): Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

Nay(s): Senators Kwon. Mandado [2]

Abstain: [0]

Introducers: Martin M. Q. Nguyen, Senator of Shidler College of Business; Heather Schulz, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences