

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 14-15

IN SUPPORT OF GENDER NEUTRAL/ALL GENDER RESTROOMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the 102th Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (ASUH) is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, a gender neutral restroom, sometimes called an all gender restroom, is a restroom that anyone of any gender can use¹; and,
- WHEREAS*, transgender people often feel uncomfortable and are subject to harassment and violence when using male or female specific campus restrooms²; and,
- WHEREAS*, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) currently has 52 unisex bathrooms of which are not shared in the same fashion as family bathrooms; and,
- WHEREAS*, more than 150 campuses have gender-neutral restrooms; including Oberlin College, which has at least one in every residence hall; University of California, San Diego, which changed male/female signs on 88 single-stall restrooms in campus buildings; and New York University, Ohio University, UCLA, and the University of Colorado, Boulder who listed their gender neutral restroom locations on their websites³; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED*, that the 102nd ASUH supports gender neutral/all gender restrooms on campus; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED*, that the 102nd ASUH urges UHM facilities and administration to educate, spread awareness, and effectively communicate with students about gender neutral restrooms and where they are located on campus; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the 102nd ASUH is in support for the creation for more gender neutral/all gender restrooms including residence halls; and,
- FINALLY, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: UHM Board of Regents, President David Lassner, UHM Interim Chancellor Robert-Bley Vroman, Facilities Management of UHM, Vice Chancellor of Administration, Finance, & Operations Kathy Cutshaw, and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

Introducer: Ryan Mandado, Senator for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences

¹ Received from <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/qrc/gender-neutral.html>

² Received from Genny Beemyn, Director of The Stonewall Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/uploads/listWidget/8749/bathroom%20FAQ.pdf>

³ Received from <http://www.transgenderlaw.org/college/guidelines.htm>

Aye(s): Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Candelario, Callihan, Coria, Dela Cruz, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [24]

Nay(s): [0]

Abstain(s): [0]