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**DEPT. COMM. NO. 340**  
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December 4, 2019

The Honorable Ron D. Kouchi  
Hawaii State Senate President  
State Capitol, Room 409  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi:

This is to inform you that the following Resolutions were adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. As directed by the Resolutions, copies are attached for your information:

Resolution 19-277, CD1

Urging the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for the electrical assessment and the installation of air conditioning at all Oahu public schools.

Resolution 19-278

Urging the Hawaii State Board of Education to amend the Hawaii Administrative Rules to specifically allow graduating high school students to wear honor cords that represent nonacademic organizations at their commencement exercises.

Sincerely,



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI  
City Clerk

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Attachments



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## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ELECTRICAL ASSESSMENT AND THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT ALL OAHU PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, there were 168 non-charter public schools on the island of Oahu, Hawaii ("Oahu public schools"), serving 114,498 students from kindergarten through high school, during the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Department of Education ("DOE"), the DOE is challenged by the need to install air conditioning at all public schools as the state's cooling trade winds continue to decline and the heat index continues to rise State-wide due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the DOE conducted a temperature study of all Hawaii public schools, ranking the hottest schools as priorities for air conditioning, but the DOE did not obtain funding to provide air conditioning for most of the schools; and

WHEREAS, after record-setting heat caused triple-digit temperatures in some public school classrooms in 2016, Governor David Ige signed Senate Bill 3126 into law as Act 47, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, which provided \$100 million for air conditioning and other heat abatement measures for public schools, but many Oahu public schools did not receive air conditioning from the appropriation; and

WHEREAS, according to Corey Rosenlee, President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, providing air conditioning has been cost-prohibitive because many public schools do not have adequate electrical capacity to handle air conditioning, and, as a result, have to use expensive solar energy units if they are to air condition their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the DOE recently confirmed that replacing fluorescent lights with LED lights in many public schools has increased the electrical capacity of those schools so that it may now be adequate to handle most window air conditioning systems; and

WHEREAS, the DOE has created the Schools Directed Air Conditioning program, authorizing each public school to determine, and pay for, the air conditioning additions it needs, including window air conditioning, as long as an electrical assessment performed by, or submitted to, the DOE confirms that the school's electrical system can handle the upgrades; and



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## RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the electrical assessments identify which school buildings have sufficient electrical capacity for air conditioning, how many window air conditioning units can be installed, and the type of units that may be installed, among other things; and

WHEREAS, many Oahu public schools do not have the funds to pay for either the pre-requisite electrical assessment or the acquisition of air conditioning units and installation of air conditioning throughout the schools; and

WHEREAS, according to an academic study entitled, "Temperature, Test Scores, and Educational Attainment," hot classrooms make it challenging for the keiki to focus, learn, and perform; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is imperative to provide air-conditioning to all Oahu public schools as soon as possible to create effective learning environments for students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Hawaii are urged to provide funding for the electrical assessment and the installation of air conditioning at all Oahu public schools; and



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 19-277, CD1

## RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Governor, the Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives, and the President of the Hawaii Senate.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 30, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

**RESOLUTION 19-277, CD1**

Introduced: 10/30/19 By: TOMMY WATERS


Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
WELFARE

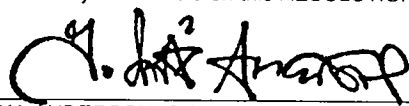
Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ELECTRICAL ASSESSMENT AND THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT ALL OAHU PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

11/14/19	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-390 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 4 AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 EXCUSED: MENOR.
12/04/19	COUNCIL	CR-390 AND RESOLUTION 19-277, CD1 AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 ABSENT: MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER



## CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPT. COMM. NO. 340

No. 19-278

### RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AMEND THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO WEAR HONOR CORDS THAT REPRESENT NONACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS AT THEIR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution, entitled "Power of the Board of Education," authorizes the Hawaii Board of Education ("Board") the power to "formulate statewide educational policy"; and

WHEREAS, Section 302A-1112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that the Board "may adopt rules for the government of all teachers, educational officers, other personnel, and pupils, and for carrying out the transaction of its business"; and

WHEREAS, per Section 8-19-2, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), as adopted by the Board, a "dress code violation" occurs when a student wears clothing that is not within the dress code guidelines as defined by the student's school; and

WHEREAS, as provided for in HAR Section 8-19-2, some high schools have dress code requirements for commencement exercises that prohibit graduating students from wearing any nonacademic accessories such as lei, graduation cap decorations, or honor cords not distributed by the Hawaii Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, many graduating students participate in nonacademic organizations throughout their high school years, such as Junior Achievement, Key Club International, Boy Scouts of America, and Girls Scouts of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, participation in nonacademic organizations has been linked to a variety of individual social and educational benefits, can lead to college scholarships, and may result in local, state, and national recognition; and

WHEREAS, participation in nonacademic organizations, especially those with a community service focus, can also contribute to our island community at large; and

WHEREAS, many nonacademic organizations award honor cords to graduating high school students in recognition of their participation and achievements within the organization; and

WHEREAS, for example, the National Eagle Scout Association awards a red, white, and blue honor cord to individuals who attain the rank of Eagle Scout; and



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**RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the wearing of nonacademic honor cords at commencement exercises not only represents a graduating high school student's membership in an individual organization, but also recognizes the student's commitment to service within the organization, and dedication to the betterment of our island community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Hawaii Board of Education is urged to amend the Hawaii Administrative Rules to specifically allow graduating high school students at all high schools under its jurisdiction to wear honor cords awarded by nonacademic organizations at their commencement exercises; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Hawaii Senate, the Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Education, and the Hawaii Superintendent of Education.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Kym Rine*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**OCT 30 2019**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

RESOLUTION 19-278

Introduced: 10/30/19 By: KYMBERLY PINE

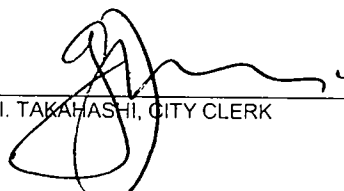
Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AMEND THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO WEAR HONOR CORDS THAT REPRESENT NONACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS AT THEIR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

11/12/19	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-357 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
12/04/19	COUNCIL	CR-357 AND RESOLUTION 19-278 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 ABSENT: MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER