
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS
CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the mental health and well-being of students is
2 essential to academic success and the overall campus climate;
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5 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii plays a critical role in
6 fostering an environment where students can access comprehensive
7 mental health support; and
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9 WHEREAS, recent assessments and feedback indicate an
10 increased demand for mental health services for students,
11 highlighting the need for additional qualified mental health
12 professionals on University of Hawaii campuses; and
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14 WHEREAS, expanding the availability of mental health
15 services, including counseling, crisis intervention, and
16 preventive care, will contribute to improved academic
17 performance, enhanced student retention, and a more supportive
18 educational environment; and
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20 WHEREAS, investing in additional mental health resources on
21 University of Hawaii campuses aligns with the State's commitment
22 to the well-being of its residents and will help in the
23 development of a resilient future workforce; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2025, that the University of Hawaii is encouraged to evaluate
28 and expand its current mental health services for students; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
31 encouraged to expand its existing mental health services by
32 hiring additional mental health professionals and support staff



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1 to ensure there are adequate resources to meet the growing needs
2 of its student body; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
5 encouraged to consider enhancing the accessibility and scope of
6 its mental health programs, including extending counseling
7 hours, improving crisis response, and adopting proactive
8 outreach initiatives to better support students in achieving
9 academic and personal success; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
12 requested to provide periodic updates to the Legislature on its
13 efforts to expand mental health services, including the number
14 of new enhancements made to support structures, to ensure
15 accountability and continuous improvement; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
19 Hawaii System and Chairperson of the Board of Regents.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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