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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO IMPLEMENT A HOMELESS STUDENT  
STABILITY AND HOUSING RESOURCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE  
OF HOUSING INSTABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, post-secondary students should be able to access  
2 resources that help them meet their basic needs; and  
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4 WHEREAS, basic needs are defined as access to stable  
5 housing, food, and healthcare services; and  
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7 WHEREAS, a poll conducted by The Hope Center for College,  
8 Community, and Justice for the University of Hawaii Basic Needs  
9 Committee in Fall 2020 found that fifty-eight percent of  
10 students enrolled at one or more of the ten University of Hawaii  
11 post-secondary institutions faced at least one form of basic  
12 needs insecurity (BNI); and  
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14 WHEREAS, of the three types of BNI studied, forty-four  
15 percent of students experienced housing insecurity, fourteen  
16 percent experienced homelessness, and thirty-nine percent  
17 experienced food insecurity; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the same study found that only fifteen percent of  
20 students experiencing BNI received emergency aid; and  
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22 WHEREAS, of the eighty-five percent of students that did  
23 not receive aid, seventy-eight percent did not think they would  
24 be eligible and fifty-eight percent of students polled did not  
25 know the program existed or how to apply; and  
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27 WHEREAS, student mental health stability and support is a  
28 priority component of healthcare services impacting a  
29 significant percent of students; and  
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WHEREAS, the recommended standard ratio of mental health practitioners to students is one mental health practitioner to one thousand to one thousand five hundred students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently staffs a total of 0.5 full-time equivalent psychiatrists and 4.5 full-time equivalent psychologists with a student population of 20,048, for a ratio of one staff position to four thousand ten students; and

WHEREAS, the conditions contributing to basic needs insecurity have primarily worsened since the 2020 Hope Center study was conducted; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Basic Needs Committee is currently conducting a study to assess the rates of BNI amongst the current student body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is urged to implement a homeless student stability and housing resource program to address the issue of housing instability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is requested to utilize the results of the 2025 survey being conducted by the University of Hawaii Basic Needs Committee to develop a plan to address basic needs insecurity within the student population, strengthen mental health services, and increase awareness of, and access to, resources and support; and

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

OFFERED BY:



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