
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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1 WHEREAS, the recommended standard ratio of mental health
2 practitioners to students is one mental health practitioner to
3 one thousand to one thousand five hundred students; and
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5 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently staffs
6 a total of 0.5 full-time equivalent psychiatrists and 4.5 full-
7 time equivalent psychologists with a student population of
8 20,048, for a ratio of one staff position to four thousand ten
9 students; and
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11 WHEREAS, the conditions contributing to basic needs
12 insecurity have primarily worsened since the 2020 Hope Center
13 study was conducted; and
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15 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Basic Needs Committee is
16 currently conducting a study to assess the rates of BNI amongst
17 the current student body; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2025, that the University of Hawaii is urged to implement a
22 homeless student stability and housing resource program to
23 address the issue of housing instability; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
26 requested to utilize the results of the 2025 survey being
27 conducted by the University of Hawaii Basic Needs Committee to
28 develop a plan to address basic needs insecurity within the
29 student population, strengthen mental health services, and
30 increase awareness of, and access to, resources and support; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
34 Regents of the University of Hawaii and President of the
35 University of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY: 

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