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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE REQUEST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA  
FACULTY SENATE FOR A COMMITMENT FROM UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
LEADERS TO REMAIN STEADFAST IN VIGOROUSLY DEFENDING ANY AND  
ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR STAFF WHO MAY BE ATTACKED FOR  
EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND FREE  
SPEECH.

1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii community has  
2 historically played critical roles in moral leadership through  
3 peaceful protests during controversial times: from opposing the  
4 Vietnam War, opposing the naming of the Social Sciences building  
5 after eugenicist Stanley Porteus, opposing South African  
6 Apartheid, preventing kalo from being genetically altered and  
7 patented, and protecting Mauna Kea; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the political and artistic expressions of these  
10 past protests would all be in violation of the currently  
11 proposed "Time, Place, and Manner" restrictions contained in the  
12 University of Hawaii's revisions to its "Executive Policy 10.206  
13 Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions on Expressive Activities";  
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16           WHEREAS, in 2024 and 2025, many universities began  
17 implementing similarly restrictive "Time, Place and Manner"  
18 policies, under which lecturers, graduate assistants, students,  
19 and faculty from these same schools have since been reprimanded,  
20 disciplined, or terminated for exercising their rights to  
21 academic freedom and free speech; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's proposed revised  
24 policies would deter students, faculty, and staff from  
25 exercising their rights to academic freedom and free speech and  
26 create an unnecessarily antagonistic relationship between the



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1 University of Hawaii administration and the broader university  
2 community; and  
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4 WHEREAS, many students, faculty, and staff feel afraid and  
5 vulnerable, and collective action makes the university community  
6 more likely to exercise their rights to academic freedom and  
7 free speech; and  
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9 WHEREAS, during a period in history in which civil rights,  
10 civil liberties, and the freedom and autonomy of institutions of  
11 higher education are under sustained attack, the University of  
12 Hawaii should strengthen, not restrict, the rights to academic  
13 freedom and free speech and should empower the community to  
14 exercise those rights; now, therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that this body supports the  
19 request by the University of Hawaii at Manoa Faculty Senate for  
20 a commitment from University of Hawaii leaders to remain  
21 steadfast in vigorously defending any and all students, faculty,  
22 or staff who may be attacked for exercising their rights to  
23 academic freedom and free speech; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the  
26 University of Hawaii at Manoa Faculty Senate's Resolution to  
27 Oppose Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions and Rectify Academic  
28 Freedom Policy, which was adopted on February 18, 2026; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
32 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii; President of the  
33 University of Hawaii; and Administrative Officer of the Manoa  
34 Faculty Senate of the University of Hawaii.  
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