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


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