

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center 211A
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**SENATE RESOLUTION 08-22:
IN SUPPORT OF CREATING AN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DEGREE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS,* the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS,* Language and diversity are integral parts of our community at UH Mānoa; and,
- WHEREAS,* We show that by offering degrees in at least 17 different languages such as Samoan, French, etc; and,
- WHEREAS,* The deaf community may seem small but it’s growing at a fast pace and will continue to grow with the coming years; and,
- WHEREAS,* It’s our responsibility as ASUH leaders to advocate for all students; and,
- WHEREAS,* While we offer ASL classes, I’ve been in touch with many students who say that they’re interested in having an American Sign Language degree program at UH Mānoa, and that if it were offered they would love to learn about the language and obtain a degree in the field; now therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED,* We’re aware that community colleges offer certification programs for a low cost, but that students could benefit from furthering their education; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED,* Chances are students will be a lot better prepared in their job search post-college if they obtain a bachelors; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED,* We owe it to our school community to offer more programs including this one; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We owe it to the students who want to learn American Sign Language and want to stay at UH Mānoa ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Learning American sign language, any other language really comes with so many social and cognitive benefits; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Will help our community on campus grow stronger; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Benjamin Kudo and Members,
President David Lassner, Provost Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students
Lori Ideta, the Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

Introducer: Hayden Kasal-Barsky, Senator of the College of Education & Chairperson of Student Affairs

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 08-22

Aye(s): VP Renteria, Treasurer Saari, Senators-At-Large Sabandal, Senators Loos, Okamura, Stephens, Rabang,
Goo, Tran, Hermoso, Morimoto, Dai, Chen, Tilitile, Kasal-Barsky **[15]**

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

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