

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 15-16

**IN SUPPORT OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I**

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 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Hawai'i's voter turnout rate reached a historic low of 52.3% out of 706,890 people registered¹; and

WHEREAS, ASUH Senate Rules 17-1 assigns the role of coordinating voter registration drives to the chartered Elections Committee²; and

WHEREAS, civic engagement is defined as “the expanse of activities, in which participation in social life with other citizens takes place, involving the pursuit of common goals related to the betterment of the community”³; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 103rd ASUH Senate support non-partisan voter registration drives held on campus; and

BE IT RESOLVED, these voter registration drives help not only to register, but to stimulate civic engagement amongst the UH Mānoa community; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH Senate and Elections Committee strive to provide a voter registration drive for all election years; and

¹<http://elections2.hawaii.gov/files/results/2014/general/histatewide.pdf>

²[https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/142/attachments/original/1439343020/REVISED_RULES_\(as_of_August_11__2015\).pdf?1439343020](https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/asuh/pages/142/attachments/original/1439343020/REVISED_RULES_(as_of_August_11__2015).pdf?1439343020)

³Syme, Maggie Lee. *Understanding the Impact of Positive Functioning On Civic Engagement Behavior in the DotNet Generation*. Diss. U of Kansas, 2008. Ann Arbor: ProQuest LLC, 2009. Print.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the State of Hawai'i Office of Elections, University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Randy Moore and Members, President David Lassner, UHM Interim Chancellor Robert-Bley Vroman, UHM Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, UHM Graduate Student Organization, UHM Faculty Senate, Director of Public Policy Dr. Colin D. Moore, and Ka Leo o Hawai'i

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION 15-16 WITH AMENDEMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators Barrow, Baxa, Enriquez, Garma, Hinshaw, Ikeda, Kim, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, McLaury, Omokawa, Rafael, Ryan, Sevilla, Simeroth, Tacey
[25]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Introducer: David B. Enriquez, Senator of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences

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