

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 20-16

IN OPPOSITION TO PLACING A CAP FOR RESIDENT TUITION AT THE UNIVERISTY OF HAWAII

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,* full-time undergraduate residents of Hawai‘i currently pay \$5,172 per a semester and part-time undergraduate residents of Hawai‘i are paying \$431 per credit hour¹; and,
- WHEREAS,* full-time nonresident undergraduates attending the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa pay \$15,348 per a semester and part-time nonresident undergraduates are paying \$1,279 per credit hour¹, and nonresident undergraduate tuition is three times more than resident undergraduate tuition; and,
- WHEREAS,* HB 1799 was introduced in the Hawai‘i State Legislature in the 2016 session as an attempt to encourage students to graduate in a timely manner; and,
- WHEREAS,* HB 1799 has proposed to limit the number of credit hours a student may qualify for resident tuition²; and,
- WHEREAS,* HB 1799 has proposed to limit the credit hours for which students are eligible for resident tuition to one hundred fifty credit hours; and,
- WHEREAS,* HB 1799 has proposed to disqualify resident undergraduate students from paying for resident tuition rates after one hundred fifty credits; and,
- WHEREAS,* the adoption of HB 1799 will force resident undergraduate students to pay three times more than the resident tuition rate for every credit hour after one hundred fifty credit hours; now therefore,
- BE IT RESOLVED,* that ASUH firmly believes that disqualifying resident undergraduate students from paying resident tuition based on the number of credit hours works in contrary to empowering students; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED,* that ASUH believes that to encourage students to graduate within a timely manner, resident students should not be forced to pay nonresident rates; and,
- BE IT RESOLVED,* that ASUH believes that the adoption of the Hawai‘i State Legislature HB 1799 will discourage the State’s best students to remain in the state; and,

1 See Regular Tuition Schedule 2015-2016 at <http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/tuitionfees/regtuition.htm>

2 See House Bill 1799 at

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1799&year=2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUH disagrees with the manner of discouraging students to pursue interests outside of their majors; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Board of Regents Chair Randy Moore and Members, President David Lassner, UHM Interim Chancellor Robert Bley Vroman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock, UHM Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, UHM Graduate Student Organization, UHM Faculty Senate, and Ka Leo o Hawai‘i.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION 20-16

Aye(s): Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators Aki, Bui, Caramat, Chen, Enriquez, Garma, Hinshaw, Ikeda, Kim, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, Omokawa, Rafael, Ryan, Simeroth, Tacey, Turner, Willis, Yamada [27]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Introducers: Grant Takara, Treasurer; Sean Mitsui, Senator-at-Large; Jessica Chen, Senator, College of Arts and Sciences; Todd Simeroth, Senator, College of Arts and Sciences; Maggie Hinshaw, Senator College of Arts and Sciences

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