

SHANGRI LA

April 5, 2009

Chair Joey Manahan
Committee on Tourism, Culture and International Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Legislature

Dear Chair Manahan and Committee Members:

We support HCR305/HR277 to create a Muslims in Asia Research Institute at the University of Hawaii. The need for research, education and improved public understanding of the Muslim world is a key social issue in the 21st century.

While most university programs and media attention are focused on the Middle East, Asia has the largest and fastest growing Muslim communities. The University of Hawaii is well positioned to fill an important gap in public education – focusing on the increasingly important and influential societies of Muslim Asia. The University has the benefit of strong existing expertise in many departments which can be harnessed to establish a Muslims in Asia Research Institute.

We urge you to adopt this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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Amy Luke

From: Rep. James Tokioka
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From: Leonard Andaya [mailto:andaya@hawaii.edu]
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To: Rep. James Tokioka
Subject: Muslim Asia Research Institute

Dear Mr. Tokioka,

I am emailing to support the resolution to establish a Muslim Asia Research Institute at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. My area of specialization is Malaysia and Indonesia, two countries with large Muslim majorities. For a very long time it has been my hope that Hawai'i would do something like this, not only to help our government understand Muslim societies in Asia, but also to interest students in this very important area of the world.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Southeast Asian History

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Amy Luke

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Date: April 4, 2009

Committee: Tourism, Culture, and International Affairs
Date: April 6, 2009
Time: 9 am

Aloha Chair Manahan and Committee Members:

I support the adoption of HCR305/HR277 because of the importance of relations with the Muslim countries of Asia and the role that Hawaii can develop in international affairs. I am a specialist on South Asia, including on the role of religion in countries like Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh. The proposed research institute would take advantage of pre-existing strengths at the University of Hawai'i and would no doubt have a national reputation, with the ability to garner significant federal funding.

Mahalo for your support of this measure.

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Aloha Chair Manahan and Committee Members:

I support the adoption of HCR305/HR277. The four nations with the largest Muslim populations, Indonesia (194 million), India (150 million), Pakistan (145 million), and Bangladesh (130 million), are in South and Southeast Asia. At UHM we teach five Southeast Asian languages, two South Asian languages (Hindi and Urdu), Chinese, and Arabic. All countries where these languages are spoken either have a Muslim majority --Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, Brunei and the Arabic countries where 15% of all Muslims live-- or strong Muslim minorities (India, Thailand, the Philippines, China, and Singapore).

Mahalo for your support.

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Dear Rep. Manahan,
Dear Rep. Tokioka,

I am writing to support the request that the resolution proposing a Muslims in Asia Research Institute at UHM be heard. Speaking as an individual faculty member in Asian Studies and Ethnomusicology I see that our University can make a substantial contribution to such an enterprise, given faculty interest and resources. I hope we can continue to investigate ways in which this interest can be realised. However, through cooperation and good will this can be achieved.

I regret that I, like many of my UH colleagues, are attending conferences this week, which is the Spring Break. Notably, the national conference for Asian Studies is being held this week in Chicago, and many of the relevant and interested faculty are away from Honolulu.

Yours truly,

R. D. Trimillos