# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO ESTABLISH A
     FORMAL ASSOCIATION WITH AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR
     THE RISE 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.


1    WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program in
2  Keaukaha/Panaewa Hawaiian Homes Communities is a private program
3  targeting disadvantaged youth between the ages of eight and
4  eighteen; and
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6    WHEREAS, the program was created by a high school teacher
7  at Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School; and
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9    WHEREAS, RISE stands for "Revealing Individual Strengths
10  for Excellence" and is symbolic of how the community desires to
11  see growth in its youth; and
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13    WHEREAS, the mission of the RISE 21st Century After School
14  Program is to serve as a community resource for underprivileged,
15  Native Hawaiian youth ages twelve to seventeen in the Hilo
16  district; and
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18    WHEREAS, the key objectives of the RISE 21st Century After
19  School Program are as follows:
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21    (1)  To reveal the strengths and passions of youth
22         participants to contribute toward overall student
23         engagement and confidence;
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25    (2)  To help youth participants develop Individual Student
26         Success Plans to track monthly goals and expectations
27         and to contribute toward building responsible,
28         respectful, and reliable students;
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30    (3)  To provide individual mentoring for encouragement,
31         motivation, and self-esteem and to increase knowledge
32         of future career and academic paths; and
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34    (4)  To implement Hawaiian cultural practices such as the
35         art of lua (balance discipline) and hoe wa'a (canoe

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1          paddling) to teach values and encourage discipline,
2          balance, and leadership for physical, mental, and
3          spiritual well-being; and
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5     WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program gives
6 disadvantaged youth a better chance of succeeding in college
7 while being mentored in particular areas of challenge in their
8 lives, most commonly as a result of dysfunctional family
9 relationships and other social issues resulting from a lack of
10 educational resources and poverty; and
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12     WHEREAS, a formal association between the RISE 21st Century
13 After School Program and the University of Hawaii at Hilo would
14 serve as a permanent bridge between the Keaukaha/Panaewa
15 Hawaiian Homes communities and the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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18     WHEREAS, an association between the University of Hawaii at
19 Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program would also
20 enhance and improve the academic programs at the University of
21 Hawaii at Hilo campus by incorporating the principle that
22 learning is not fixed to a specific geographic locale of the
23 campus but permeates the community it serves and vice versa; and
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25     WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has many programs
26 that hold the potential to benefit from an association with the
27 RISE 21st Century After School Program, such as the Imiloa
28 Astronomy Center of Hawaii, Ka Haka Ula ʻO Keʻelikolani Hawaiian
29 Language College, College of Agriculture, counseling psychology,
30 and future engineering programs planned for the Hilo campus, all
31 of which provide opportunities for program partnerships and
32 internships; and
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34     WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has other
35 community engagement programs on the Big Island such as the
36 Community College Education Center in West Hawaii, North Hawaii
37 Education Center in Honokaa, and the Pacific Coastal Resources
38 in Keaukaha; now, therefore,
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40     BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
41 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
42 that the University Of Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish

1   a formal association with the RISE 21st Century After School
2   Program; and
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4        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
5   Hilo is requested to include in its budget sufficient funding
6   for the RISE 21st Century After School Program; and
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8        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9   Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the University of
10  Hawaii at Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program.
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