
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO STUDY
THE REINTEGRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA WITH THE OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Constitution guarantees that the
2 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii has exclusive
3 jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and
4 operation of the University of Hawaii, subject only to the
5 exclusive jurisdiction of the Legislature to identify and enact
6 laws of statewide concern; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Constitution also specifies that
9 the Board of Regents shall appoint the President of the
10 University of Hawaii to serve as its executive officer; and
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12 WHEREAS, in 2001, the University of Hawaii was reorganized
13 so that the University of Hawaii System and the University of
14 Hawaii-Manoa are no longer led by the same executive officer;
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17 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Board of Regents reorganized the
18 organizational structure of the University System with the
19 understanding that establishing the Office of the Chancellor of
20 the University of Hawaii-Manoa would incur no additional
21 administrative costs to the University System; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Office of the Chancellor of the
24 University of Hawaii-Manoa required an annual operational budget
25 of \$14.7 million; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 2011, it was also estimated that there had been
28 over \$6.4 million in additional administrative costs at the



1 University of Hawaii-Manoa since the establishment of the Office
2 of the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-Manoa; and
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4 WHEREAS, even after the former Chancellor of the University
5 of Hawaii-Manoa stepped down at the end of the 2011-2012 school
6 year, and the current Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-
7 Manoa assumed his position in June 2012, debate continues as to
8 whether or not it is necessary for the University of Hawaii to
9 maintain the Office of Chancellor for its Manoa Campus; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Board of
15 Regents of the University of Hawaii is respectfully requested to
16 study whether the reintegration of the Office of the Chancellor
17 of the University of Hawaii-Manoa with the Office of the
18 President of the University of Hawaii System is prudent; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is
21 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
22 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
23 Regular Session of 2014; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
27 of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Chancellor of the
28 University of Hawaii-Manoa, and President of the University of
29 Hawaii System.
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OFFERED BY: *[Signature]*

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
March 14, 2013 at 2:00pm

by
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HCR 39/HR 21 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO STUDY THE REINTEGRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM.

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i has concerns with HCR 39/HR 21, which asks for a study on the reintegration of the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with the Office of the President of the University of Hawai'i System.

As HCR 39/HR 21 correctly notes, the Board of Regents is responsible for the internal structure, management, and operation of the University. The Board of Regents, through its Advisory Task Group, is currently engaged in a detailed review and assessment of the Board and the University System. The Board of Regents also considered the roles of the President and UH Mānoa Chancellor during the recruitment and hiring of the current Chancellor. Action by the Legislature in this area is not needed. Moreover, while the proposed Resolutions appropriately recognize the role of the Board of Regents, the University is concerned that such action could be viewed as contributing to an environment that has caused concerns to be expressed by the University's accrediting body, the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, in its recent action letter to UH.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on these resolutions.



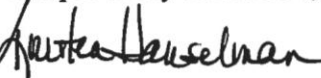
House Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, March 14, 2013
2:00 p.m.

HCR 39/HR 21, Requesting the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to Study the Reintegration of the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa with the Office of the President of the University of Hawaii System.

Dear Chairman Choy and Committee Members:

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) supports undertaking a full assessment of the appropriate administrative structure that can best serve the needs of the University of Hawaii and the position that the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH Manoa) holds as a research institution. Over the past few years duplication of programs and services have been hastened by decentralization and autonomy of each respective campus. One of the consequences has been tension in the exercise of authority and decision making between the University of Hawaii President and UH Manoa Chancellor over control of programs and resource allocation. UHPA believes this tension must be resolved for the health of UH Manoa and its continuing role as a robust research institution.

UHPA urges the Committee to support this resolution.

Respectively submitted,


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