
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pursuant to
2 S.C.R. No. 132, S.D. 1, regular session of 2013, the University
3 of Hawaii at Hilo, through its 'Imiloa astronomy center and
4 division of academic affairs, has entered into a memorandum of
5 understanding with the RISE 21st Century After School Program, a
6 program that assists underprivileged children of Hawaiian
7 ancestry in developing life skills, achieving academic success,
8 and career planning. Pursuant to the memorandum of
9 understanding:

10 (1) The University of Hawaii at Hilo will provide
11 individual mentoring to assist RISE 21st Century After
12 School Program participants with academic and career
13 planning and success;

14 (2) The University of Hawaii at Hilo and the RISE 21st
15 Century After School Program will collaborate to
16 develop and offer project-based activities that foster
17 and encourage peer mentoring while addressing relevant
18 community initiatives; and



1 (3) The University of Hawaii at Hilo and the RISE 21st
 2 Century After School Program will collaborate on
 3 funding initiatives to support collaborative goals and
 4 objectives.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
 6 University of Hawaii at Hilo to establish staff positions within
 7 the 'Imiloa astronomy center and support the University of Hawaii
 8 at Hilo's memorandum of understanding with the RISE 21st Century
 9 After School Program.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to
 13 the University of Hawaii at Hilo for the following:

- 14 1. One full time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
 15 youth program specialist \$
- 16 2. One full time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
 17 experience director (education
 18 programs) \$
- 19 3. Curriculum development \$
- 20 4. Supplies \$
- 21 5. Travel \$
- 22 6. Equipment \$



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
2 Hawaii at Hilo for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii at Hilo; 'Imiloa Astronomy Center; RISE 21st Century After School Program; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii at Hilo to support its memorandum of agreement with RISE 21st Century After School Program. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
March 18, 2014 at 2:34 p.m.
by
Donald O. Straney
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SB 3093 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo). We support SB 3093 SD1 that appropriates funds to UH Hilo to support its memorandum of agreement with RISE 21st Century After School Program and the implementation of the agreement by the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, a unit of UH Hilo.

The 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i has been cultivating community partnerships that targets greater engagement by Hawai'i Island youth with the resources of UH Hilo. A positive partnership has been established with the RISE 21st Century After School Program that serves as a community and cultural resource for disadvantaged Native Hawaiian youth in Keaukaha. The proposal will help to expand collaborative opportunities supported by staffing and curriculum resources to establish mentorships, initiate project-based learning activities, and offer academic and career planning. UH Hilo views our continued partnership and collaboration with RISE as a positive solution to increase access to higher education and career opportunities for Native Hawaiians on Hawai'i Island.

We support SB 3093 SD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 3093 SD1. Aloha.

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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March 17, 2014

The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Higher Education

Dear Representative Choy and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 3093.

This bill appropriates funds for personnel at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i to build on the partnership with the RISE 21st Century After School Program and to help the children of Keaukaha and Pana'ewa.

I support the mission of RISE, which will serve as a community resource for underprivileged Native Hawaiian youth ages 12 to 17.

Funds appropriated by this bill will allow for the mentoring of participants in the after school program and help them to set academic and career goals. This mentoring will give them the support they need to reach for success in life.

This is an important investment in our community's future and I ask that you recommend approval.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

March 17, 2014

Chairman Isaac Choy
Vice Chairman Linda Ichiyama
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

Re: SB 3093 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Letter of Support

Aloha kākou Chairman Choy, Vice Chairman Ichiyama, and Members of the House
Higher Education Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of SB 3093 and the relationship between the RISE
After School Program and the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center.

Since opening in 2006, the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i – University of Hawai'i at
Hilo - has emerged as a major new cultural institution serving the Island of Hawai'i and
the world beyond. 'Imiloa is a popular success, serving over 100,000 visitors each year,
as well as a major education asset for the Island.

*'Imiloa's mission is to honor Maunakea by sharing the culture and science of the
mountain to inspire generations.*

Science and culture united provides a powerful and inspiring story, and it would be hard
to imagine anywhere in the world better suited to tell that story than on the Island of
Hawai'i, at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo where world-class science coexists with a
rich and remarkable indigenous culture. 'Imiloa not only serves as an educational
outreach to the general community, but it more importantly serves as a connector and
pipeline for K-12 student and teacher engagement with high-quality educational resources
and opportunities.

At the same time, 'Imiloa today remains a work in progress. Recognizing that 'Imiloa has
yet to achieve its full potential, the leadership and staff are cultivating community
partnerships that targets greater engagement by Hawai'i Island youth with the resources
of the University of Hawai'i. The partnership that we've cultivated with the RISE program
directly relates to our priority of serving as a pipeline to higher education. The 'Imiloa
Astronomy Center would serve as a bridge between the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and
start with the youth of Keaukaha and Pana'ewa through the RISE program and its efforts
by creating mentorship opportunities, project based learning activities, and also peer
mentoring opportunities between youth groups of the Island. We eventually would like
to be able to grow this program to expand throughout the island, and potentially the
state.

Therefore, we humbly ask for your support for SB3093 provided that its passage does
not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

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March 17, 2014

Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

Re: SB3093 / March 18, 2014

Dear Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Naomi Ahu, a 23-year resident of the Hilo district and a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Hilo's College of Business and Economics Baccalaureate program and Hawaii Pacific University's Master of Arts in Organizational Change program. In addition, I am the sole fiscal and administrative support for the R.I.S.E program and was instrumental in its initial creation.

I have worked alongside R.I.S.E. Executive Director, Shadd Keahi Warfield on various community projects and programs involving youth in our community (specifically the Keaukaha and Panaewa Hawaiian Homestead areas) for the past 10 years. Through such experiences, I have recognized the challenges our local youth face such as exposure to drugs, alcohol, abuse, poverty, suicide, domestic violence, and more.

It is extremely important for these youth to have exposure to opportunities to offset such behaviors and/or circumstances and to help them recognize their true potential in becoming valuable contributors to the sustainability of our community and future generations. I have extreme confidence that the R.I.S.E. program will contribute greatly to this need, being that it is one of the only programs of its kind in the Hilo district.

Our established relationship and memorandum of agreement with the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Imiloa Astronomy Center helps to increase the higher education and career opportunities for R.I.S.E. youth participants and the larger community; one of the main objectives R.I.S.E. is striving to achieve. An appropriation of funding to support our collaborative efforts would greatly support our goals moving forward. Therefore, I greatly support the intent of SB3093 and truly appreciate your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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March 17, 2014

Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

Re: SB3093 - March 18, 2014

Dear Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Aloha my name is Shadd Keahi Warfield. I am a child of Keaukaha Hawaiian Homestead community where I have lived for 32 years. I have been educated in western, traditional and non-traditional ways of learning and make a decent living by servicing our youth as a teacher.

I have been involved in numerous community projects and have advocated, organized and funded a variety of indigenous education opportunities as a means to offset drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, suicide and domestic abuse amongst our youth. My main goal is to *Reveal* the *Individual Strengths* of our youth for *Excellence*. Our collaborative relationship with the University of Hawaii at Hilo as well as Hawaii Community College through the Imiloa Astronomy Center helps us create a more fluid path to get our community youth into more Higher Educational Opportunities.

I am hopeful that when I meet you in person my story will compel you to support SB3093. The reason is simple; we must nurture and provide positive venues to enhance individual growth, self-confidence, leadership and self-discipline amongst our youth to sustain our Hawaii. An appropriation of funding in support of our collaboration will help us meet these goals.

Thank you for your consideration into this matter.

Sincerely,

Shadd Keahi Warfield

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March 17, 2014

Chairman Isaac W. Choy
Vice Chairman Linda Ichiyama
Members of the House Higher Education Committee

Re: SB 3093 / March 18, 2014 Hearing
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Choy, Vice Chairman Ichiyama, and Members of the House Higher Education Committee:

My name is Stanley H Roehrig. I am a local boy lawyer living in Hilo. I was raised in Manoa and moved with my young wife to Hilo in 1966 to practice law. Most of our 48 years in Hilo have been in Keaukaha.

My wife and I have been involved with Keahi Warfield, Ka'iu Kimura, and many others in the development of the after school program for disadvantaged Hawaiian children in the Hilo area, called the RISE After School Program.

In the last session of this legislature, the legislature adopted both SCR132 and SR94, requesting the University of Hawaii at Hilo to implement the RISE Program. University of Hawaii at Hilo Chancellor Straney signed a Memorandum of Understanding implementing the program. The program is being administered as an outreach program of UH Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the Division of Academic Affairs.

Through the vehicle of SB3093, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the RISE 21st Century After School Program seek funding from the legislature for fiscal year 2014.

We believe that this program, initially based in Hilo, will be a prototype for an important statewide after school program in all areas of the state where the Hawaiian communities and their families are at risk.

Please help us with this measure.

Sincerely,


Stanley H. Roehrig

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