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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONDUCT AN
OUTREACH PROGRAM, PERFORM A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND ESTABLISH
A HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE DISTRICT OF PUNA
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, rural areas in the State are in need of higher
2 education learning centers that can help improve employment and
3 entrepreneurial activities in those areas; and
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5 WHEREAS, the district of Puna on the island of Hawaii is a
6 prime location for establishing a higher education learning
7 center, and it could identify educational and training needs in
8 the district, design a business incubator approach to support
9 job growth in the area, and focus on outreach to increase
10 agriculture production and processed products for local markets
11 utilizing emerging engineering programs; and
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13 WHEREAS, if successful, the higher education learning
14 center in Puna can serve as a model for other rural areas in the
15 State; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
20 Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish a higher education
21 learning center, as broadly described above, in the district of
22 Puna on the island of Hawaii; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
25 Hilo is encouraged to work with the United States Pacific Basin
26 Agricultural Research Center in establishing a higher education
27 learning center in Puna; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
30 is requested to support and assist the University of Hawaii at




S.C.R. NO. 198

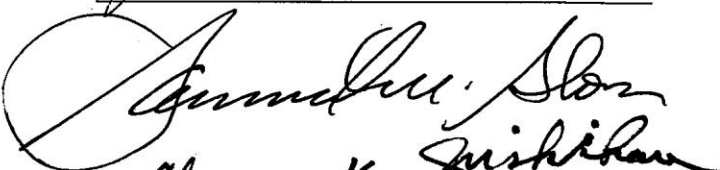
1 Hilo in establishing a higher education learning center in Puna;
2 and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
5 Hilo is requested to establish an outreach program under the
6 College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource
7 Management to conduct an outreach program and perform a needs
8 assessment for the higher education learning center, including
9 an assessment of existing educational resources and facilities
10 that can be used to provide educational and training options in
11 Puna; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
14 Hilo is requested to report findings and recommendations,
15 including any proposed legislation and funding needs, resulting
16 from the outreach program and needs assessment to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2014; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
22 United States Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center;
23 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; President of the
24 University of Hawaii System; Chairperson of the Board of Regents
25 of the University of Hawaii; Chancellor of the University of
26 Hawaii at Hilo; and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry
27 and Natural Resource Management at the University of Hawaii at
28 Hilo.
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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
April 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
by
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SCR198 REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONDUCT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM, PERFORM A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE DISTRICT OF PUNA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII

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

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We support SCR198 to conduct an outreach program, perform a needs assessment and establish a Higher Education Learning Center Project in the District of Puna.

Agriculture is a promising career choice for a new generation of innovative and responsible leaders who will contribute to the future needs of our island economy. There is a critical need to strengthen rural outreach, education and economic development. We propose to use the funds to establish an outreach program under our College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM). CAFNRM will hire personnel and provide outreach services and short training courses on farm management, sustainable crop production, value-added food products, etc. Furthermore, the outreach personnel will conduct an assessment of community educational and training needs for agricultural development and to increase community engagement and participation in agricultural education, workforce development and economic opportunities for the people of Puna.

We support SCR198 provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR198. Aloha.

Hawaiian Shores Community Association

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Hawaii State House of Representatives
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RE: Testimony in Support of SCR198 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONDUCT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM, PERFORM A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE DISTRICT OF PUNA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

Hawaiian Shores Community Association (HSCA) is the homeowners association representing the Hawaiian Shores Recreational Estates subdivision located in the Puna district on the Big Island containing nearly 1300 lots. As with many of the large subdivisions of the Puna and Ka`u districts of the Big Island, where build-out is now greater than 35%, we maintain community center facilities that may function as part-time classrooms and/or venues for hosting workshops and training programs.

We are very much in support of this measure which would include conducting a needs assessment to identify existing facilities and expertise (individuals and organizations) that can team up to create a virtual learning center network that ties together various facilities in the community where classes can be held such that residents don't have to travel far to participate. There may also be an element of distance (online) classes incorporated into this program which is where the largest growth in higher education offerings is now occurring.

The idea of starting with a focus on agriculture - crop production and processing of foods for local markets – makes perfect sense for the district of Puna which is rural and has great potential to contribute to food security for our local population. Once a successful program is developed that truly promotes and encourages greater agricultural production, we envision this program branching out into other applied subject areas that will lead to job skill growth and support entrepreneurial efforts needed in our community. This would support the growth of small and medium sized businesses in this economically depressed region of the State. Further, the applied nature of the proposed outreach program will make it eligible for other sources of financial support, such that it isn't solely dependent on State funding to be sustained.

We encourage the committee members to support this measure, and hope that the House will pass this concurrent resolution.

Sincerely,

David Johnson

David Johnson, Vice President
Board of Directors
Hawaiian Shores Community Association

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Comments: Puna is the fastest growing district in all of Hawaii and a physically large district (larger than Oahu). Many residence do not have a car and rely on public transportation. In addition, internet access is not currently available in many areas. However, through the US Department of Agriculture that is changing. As a first step we need a computer learning center that can serve two purposes. One, it will allow those without a computer to develop their computer using skills in preparation for enrolling in distance learning classes. Two, it will allow people to take classes over the internet until the resource becomes available where they live. Attached to this testimony is a proposal for a portable computer lab stored in a secure cabinet. In addition to security, it works as a overnight charging station. The lab could be moved around to various subdivision.

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Comments: Puna is the fastest growing district in Hawaii State and it's young people need better educational facilities.

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Aloha, why do we need additional educational sources in Puna?

Many in Puna are bright politically active individuals who are finding their growth stymied due to lack of educational resources in nearby locations. I'm a non-traditional student at the Community College my bus ride is 2 hours plus away to get to the school and more than a 2 hour ride to get back. There are times when I get out of school at 3:00 PM only to catch the only bus available home to the Puna Coast that leaves at 5:20 PM not arriving to Kalapana Seaview till after 7:30 PM

I'm also on the student council at Hawaii Community College and was going to propose a solution to the problem for students having access to core classes from Puna Coast/Pahoa. "If you build it they will come" if provided access to more educational facilities you will see a large increase in people having a desire for an education. With education comes a better informed citizenry at the very least.

Colleges need to promote innovative partnerships to advance social as well as economic development for our community. Puna Coast and Pahoa are a special rural Hawaii zone, rural college and university's leaders, as well as government need to understand rural limitations. Please help us on the Puna Coast/Pahoa succeed in our endeavors for a better life. We need college facilities for, equipment, broadband and distance learning programs.

Puna's rural areas are crucial for the betterment of all of Hawaii, and that investments in workforce training aimed at increasing the skills of people with the least education made the biggest difference.

Rural colleges can provide have many advantages over cities colleges, economic growth the lower cost of operation, cheaper operating costs, lower taxes and utility costs, a willing workforce. Let's move Puna/Pahoa in the right direction we need a the state to help the Hawaii Universities and Colleges become educational partners ready to train workers and the college's cultural and recreational amenities for our lovely growing area.

State of Hawai`i Legislature

April 22, 2013

Testimony on SCR198/ SR150 IN FAVOR

Dear Senators,

I strongly support SCR198 / SR150 requesting the University of Hawai`i at Hilo to conduct an outreach program, perform a needs assessment, and establish a higher education learning center in the district of Puna. I have lived and owned a small business in Puna. I see a great deal of talent in the community, and, unfortunately, see few opportunities for an expression of this talent. The expression of that talent can lead to the accomplishment of food and energy production in the community. This resolution can prove invaluable for Puna and the state of Hawai`i.

Mahalo,

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