
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A
STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT.

1 WHEREAS, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and
2 offices of colleges and universities across the United States
3 are under attack, threatening academic freedom and undermining
4 future student success; and

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6 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, the United States House of
7 Representatives held a hearing claiming that efforts at
8 diversity, equity, and inclusion sabotage the nation's
9 fundamental values of hard work and promote meritocracy; and

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11 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has made substantial
12 contributions to the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion at
13 all ten campuses of the University of Hawaii system--progress
14 that creates opportunities for those historically
15 underrepresented in higher education, including Native
16 Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Filipinos, first-generation
17 college students, and Pell Grant recipients; and

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19 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and State of Hawaii have
20 the opportunity to lead the way in best practices for diversity,
21 equity, and inclusion and demonstrate the importance of these
22 initiatives; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2024, that the University of Hawaii is urged to adopt
27 and publicize a statewide equity statement; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
30 requested to post the statewide equity statement on its website
31 in a manner that is readily accessible to the public; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
 2 requested to establish diversity, equity, and inclusion
 3 committees at each of its campuses to:

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 5 (1) Make recommendations regarding how to close equity
 6 gaps; and

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 8 (2) Contribute to an annual report that details action
 9 steps to be taken; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual report is requested
 12 to be submitted to the Board of Regents and posted on the
 13 University of Hawaii's website in a manner that is readily
 14 accessible to the public; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 18 Regents and President of the University of Hawaii.

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