
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF STUDENT
HOUSING SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA.

1 WHEREAS, the Student Housing Services office at the
2 University of Hawaii at Manoa provides on-campus housing to
3 approximately three thousand students in ten residence halls in
4 a variety of living arrangements of traditional coed facilities,
5 single and double occupancy rooms, and suites and apartment
6 units; and

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8 WHEREAS, the cost of housing for the 2006-2007 academic
9 year semesters for traditional double occupancy start at \$3,092,
10 apartment units start at \$4,094, and meal plans handled by a
11 private provider, Sodexho, cost approximately \$975 per semester,
12 or \$1,950 for the academic year; and

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14 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii housing assistance
15 revolving fund is used to implement the University of Hawaii
16 housing assistance master plan and account for all transactions
17 of the University Housing Assistance Program; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Auditor is required to conduct postaudits of
20 the transactions, accounts, programs, and performance of all
21 state agencies required by the Legislature for the purpose of
22 determining the validity of state funds; and

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24 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa has plans to
25 construct a new dormitory facility at a cost of over \$60,000,000
26 to be funded by a \$25,000,000 general obligation bond
27 appropriation from the Legislature and revenues generated by
28 student housing fees; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of
31 Hawaii at Manoa has unsuccessfully attempted to resolve a
32 variety of issues and allegations with the University of Hawaii
33 at Manoa administration, including but not limited to the
34 timeliness of responding to student complaints and appeals; and



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2 WHEREAS, in November 2005, University of Hawaii at Manoa
3 Student Housing administrators confiscated three thousand
4 letters from student government representatives that would have
5 informed their housing constituents of their right to report
6 mistreatment; and

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8 WHEREAS, the issues and allegations identified by the
9 Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa
10 include, but are not limited to: retaliatory harassment and
11 intimidation by housing staff toward students who speak out
12 against housing policies, sexual harassment of female students
13 by privately contracted security staff, lack of due process and
14 inconsistent application of housing rules, refusal to involve
15 student input in developing a new Student Code of Conduct, abuse
16 of power by hall directors such as embezzling funds from
17 students and renting out rooms during the summer, and lack of
18 training of housing staff in identifying illegal substances and
19 the resulting highly questionable searches of possessions and
20 dormitories; and

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22 WHEREAS, University of Hawaii at Manoa Interim Chancellor
23 Denise Eby Konan underscored student dissatisfaction in an
24 August 31, 2005, address to the faculty senate, stating that
25 "just last week, the Princeton Review survey came out. Manoa
26 ranked number two in the nation in the category 'dorms like
27 dungeons', sixth for long lines and red tape, and seventh for
28 least happy students"; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
33 respectfully requested to conduct a management audit of the
34 University of Hawaii at Manoa's Student Housing Services; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
37 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
39 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
3 President of the University of Hawaii, the Chair of the
4 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the Interim Chancellor of
5 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the President of the
6 Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

