
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO ESTABLISH A
FORMAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE RISE 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program in
2 Keaukaha/Panaewa Hawaiian Homes Communities is a private program
3 targeting disadvantaged youth between the ages of eight and
4 eighteen; and

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6 WHEREAS, the program was created by a high school teacher
7 at Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School; and

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9 WHEREAS, RISE stands for "Revealing Individual Strengths
10 for Excellence" and is symbolic of how the community desires to
11 see growth in its youth; and

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13 WHEREAS, the mission of the RISE 21st Century After School
14 Program is to serve as a community resource for underprivileged,
15 Native Hawaiian youth ages twelve to seventeen in the Hilo
16 district; and

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18 WHEREAS, the key objectives of the RISE 21st Century After
19 School Program are as follows:

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21 (1) To reveal the strengths and passions of youth
22 participants to contribute toward overall student
23 engagement and confidence;
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25 (2) To help youth participants develop Individual Student
26 Success Plans to track monthly goals and expectations
27 and to contribute toward building responsible,
28 respectful, and reliable students;
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30 (3) To provide individual mentoring for encouragement,
31 motivation, and self-esteem and to increase knowledge
32 of future career and academic paths; and



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2 (4) To implement Hawaiian cultural practices such as the
3 art of lua (balance discipline) and hoe wa'a (canoe
4 paddling) to teach values and encourage discipline,
5 balance, and leadership for physical, mental, and
6 spiritual well-being; and
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8 WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program gives
9 disadvantaged youth a better chance of succeeding in college
10 while being mentored in particular areas of challenge in their
11 lives, most commonly as a result of dysfunctional family
12 relationships and other social issues resulting from a lack of
13 educational resources and poverty; and
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15 WHEREAS, a formal association between the RISE 21st Century
16 After School Program and the University of Hawaii at Hilo would
17 serve as a permanent bridge between the Keaukaha/Panaewa
18 Hawaiian Homes communities and the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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21 WHEREAS, an association between the University of Hawaii at
22 Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program would also
23 enhance and improve the academic programs at the University of
24 Hawaii at Hilo campus by incorporating the principle that
25 learning is not fixed to a specific geographic locale of the
26 campus but permeates the community it serves and vice versa; and
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28 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has many programs
29 that hold the potential to benefit from an association with the
30 RISE 21st Century After School Program, such as the Imiloa
31 Astronomy Center of Hawaii, Ka Haka Ula 'O Ke'elikolani Hawaiian
32 Language College, College of Agriculture, counseling psychology,
33 and future engineering programs planned for the Hilo campus, all
34 of which provide opportunities for program partnerships and
35 internships; and
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37 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has other
38 community engagement programs on the Big Island such as the
39 Community College Education Center in West Hawaii, North Hawaii
40 Education Center in Honokaa, and the Pacific Coastal Resources
41 in Keaukaha; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the University Of
4 Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish a formal association
5 with the RISE 21st Century After School Program; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
8 Hilo is requested to establish the Keaukaha/Panaewa Hawaiian
9 Homes after school program known as RISE (Revealing Individual
10 Strengths for Excellence) to be coordinated by the University of
11 Hawaii at Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Education Center administration
12 as an outreach to the Keaukaha and Panaewa areas and designed to
13 provide early preparation for entry into the Hawaii Community
14 College and baccalaureate programs at the University of Hawaii
15 at Hilo; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the
19 University of Hawaii at Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School
20 Program.

