
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
ESTABLISH A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ANY INCREASES OF
RESIDENT TUITION.

1 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,
2 by Executive Policy E6.201 adopted in March 2013, established
3 tuition schedules for the academic years 2012-2013 through 2016-
4 2017; and

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6 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa is
7 representative of the annual percentage tuition increases during
8 the five-year period, with year-to-year increases of
9 approximately 3.1 per cent in 2012-2013, 5.5 per cent in 2013-
10 2014, and 7.5 per cent in each of the academic years 2014-2015,
11 2015-2016, and 2016-2017; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents plans to conduct a mid-
14 schedule review of the tuition increases in 2014; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Wall Street Journal reported that the
17 University of Hawaii had one of the fastest rates of increase in
18 tuition and fees among public universities in the United States
19 over the past five years; and

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21 WHEREAS, the average amount full-time students paid in
22 tuition at the University of Hawaii last year, after grants and
23 scholarships, rose 46.6 per cent, compared to the national
24 average amount that students at public colleges across the
25 nation paid, which rose a record 8.3 per cent; and

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27 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's tuition and fees,
28 before grants and scholarships, more than doubled during the
29 past five-year period, from \$4,522 in 2006-2007, to \$9,404 in
30 2012-2013; and

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32 WHEREAS, such significant increases in resident tuition at
33 the only public university system in the State can negatively
34 impact the ability of local residents who want to attend
35 college; and



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2 WHEREAS, establishing a moratorium on resident tuition
3 increases for the University of Hawaii system would enable more
4 individuals in the State to enroll at a school within the
5 University of Hawaii system and provide more affordable higher
6 education for state residents; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
10 that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii is urged
11 to establish a three-year moratorium, effective on July 1, 2014,
12 on any increases of resident tuition; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the
15 University of Hawaii is requested to submit a report to the
16 Legislature of its findings and recommendations promptly upon
17 the completion of its 2014 mid-schedule review of the tuition
18 increases; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
22 the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the
23 President of the University of Hawaii System.
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