
SENATE 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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34 (4) To implement Hawaiian cultural practices such as the
35 art of lua (balance discipline) and hoe wa'a (canoe



1 paddling) to teach values and encourage discipline,
2 balance, and leadership for physical, mental, and
3 spiritual well-being; and
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5 WHEREAS, RISE 21st Century After School Program gives
6 disadvantaged youth a better chance of succeeding in college
7 while being mentored in particular areas of challenge in their
8 lives, most commonly as a result of dysfunctional family
9 relationships and other social issues resulting from a lack of
10 educational resources and poverty; and
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12 WHEREAS, a formal association between the RISE 21st Century
13 After School Program and the University of Hawaii at Hilo would
14 serve as a permanent bridge between the Keaukaha/Panaewa
15 Hawaiian Homes communities and the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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18 WHEREAS, an association between the University of Hawaii at
19 Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program would also
20 enhance and improve the academic programs at the University of
21 Hawaii at Hilo campus by incorporating the principle that
22 learning is not fixed to a specific geographic locale of the
23 campus but permeates the community it serves and vice versa; and
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25 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has many programs
26 that hold the potential to benefit from an association with the
27 RISE 21st Century After School Program, such as the Imiloa
28 Astronomy Center of Hawaii, Ka Haka Ula 'O Ke'elikolani Hawaiian
29 Language College, College of Agriculture, counseling psychology,
30 and future engineering programs planned for the Hilo campus, all
31 of which provide opportunities for program partnerships and
32 internships; and
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34 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo has other
35 community engagement programs on the Big Island such as the
36 Community College Education Center in West Hawaii, North Hawaii
37 Education Center in Honokaa, and the Pacific Coastal Resources
38 in Keaukaha; now, therefore,
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
41 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
42 that the University Of Hawaii at Hilo is requested to establish



1 a formal association with the RISE 21st Century After School
2 Program; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii at
5 Hilo is requested to establish the Keaukaha/Panaewa Hawaiian
6 Homes after school program known as RISE (Revealing Individual
7 Strengths for Excellence) to be coordinated by the University of
8 Hawaii at Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Education Center administration
9 as an outreach to the Keaukaha and Panaewa areas and designed to
10 provide early preparation for entry into the Hawaii Community
11 College and baccalaureate programs at the University of Hawaii
12 at Hilo; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of the University of
16 Hawaii at Hilo and RISE 21st Century After School Program.

