
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO
MAKE GREATER USE OF OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES AND OTHER LOW-
COST OR FREE RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, the cost of attending college continues to rise;
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4 WHEREAS, according to the College Board, the cost of
5 tuition and fees for attending an in-state public college for
6 the 2017-2018 academic year averaged \$9,970, while the average
7 cost for books and supplies for the same academic year at public
8 colleges averaged \$1,250; and

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10 WHEREAS, during the last twenty years, the cost of college
11 textbooks has risen much more rapidly than the consumer price
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14 WHEREAS, since 2015, open educational resources at the
15 University of Hawaii have offered free instructional materials
16 to help lower the cost of higher education, provided faculty
17 more control over their instructional materials, and enabled
18 students to learn in new ways; and

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20 WHEREAS, open educational resources offer learning,
21 teaching, and research resources that are either in the public
22 domain or have been released with an intellectual property
23 license that permits free reuse and repurposing; and

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25 WHEREAS, through faculty use of open educational resources
26 since its adoption, this technology-driven instructional content
27 has saved students hundreds of thousands of dollars in textbook
28 costs; and

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30 WHEREAS, open educational resources are part of a larger
31 movement known as the open access movement, which refers to
32 online research outputs that are free of all restrictions on



1 access (e.g., access tolls) and free of many restrictions on use
2 (e.g., certain copyright and license restrictions); and
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4 WHEREAS, open access can be applied to all forms of
5 published research output, including peer-reviewed and non-peer-
6 reviewed academic journal articles, conference papers, theses,
7 book chapters, and monographs; and
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9 WHEREAS, the use of open education resources and other low-
10 cost or free resources can help lower the cost of books and
11 educational materials for students and increase the
12 affordability of college for more families; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2018, that the faculty of the University of Hawaii is
17 encouraged to make greater use of open education resources and
18 other low-cost or free resources; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Regents
22 of the University of Hawaii, President of the University of
23 Hawaii, and co-chairs of the University of Hawaii All Campus
24 Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.
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