RESOLUTION on relocation of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, UHM to Hilo

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WHEREAS, A proposal for relocation of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa (CTAHR) to Hilo has been introduced in the State Legislature and promoted by the County Council of the Island of Hawaii, and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawaii in 1985 was placed under warning by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges because of legislative interference in academic programs and other University affairs, and

WHEREAS, CTAHR and the UHM Faculty Senate recognize that high quality academic programs are created through an evolutionary process and cannot be simply uprooted for transplanting elsewhere, and that CTAHR's scientific emphasis, scope, depth and approach require close interfacing with other professional schools, graduate education, research and the strong support of the mathematical, physical, biological, and social sciences at UH, and

WHEREAS, In its guidelines for academic programs the Western Association of Schools and Colleges states that graduate programs are interdependent upon upper division and other undergraduate curricular programs, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents Policy on Faculty Involvement in Academic Decision Making and Academic Policy Development states that "It is the policy of the University to maintain and strengthen organized and systematic involvement by faculty in academic decision making and policy development," and such faculty involvement at the college level has not been sought, and

WHEREAS, The UHM Faculty Senate by virtue of the Charter of the Faculty Congress and Senate has the "primary responsibility for the curriculum, methods, and standards of scholarship, instruction, research and public service performed by the faculty..." and thereby assumes special responsibility for the preservation of academic quality and balance at UHM; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa oppose the proposed relocation of CTAHR undergraduate programs to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration of the University of Hawaii reaffirm its commitment to a strong statewide CTAHR program based on the Manoa Campus, recognize the distinct missions of the programs of the University of Hawaii Hilo and the University of Hawaii Manoa, and reassure CTAHR and UHM faculty of program stability and the promotion of morale to enhance the scholarly status of UHM, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration of the University of Hawaii be reminded of the necessity of consultation with the faculty senate on all issues of academic goals and policies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Albert J. Simone; Mrs. Gladys Brandt, Chair of the Board of Regents; Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee; Chair of the House Higher Education and the Arts Committee; Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee; and Chair of the House Agriculture Committee.

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