

**D R A F T (11/27/06)**  
**The Public Agenda for Higher Education in Hawai'i**

As the only public higher education institution in the state of Hawai'i, the University of Hawai'i bears a special responsibility to meet the state's need for the liberally educated and highly skilled workforce essential for the future economic success, health, and well being of this island state as it participates in a global society. The public agenda for higher education in Hawai'i includes:

**Increase the educational capital of the state**

The University addresses Hawai'i's educational pipeline issues by partnering with early childhood and K-12 education providers in order to improve student preparation, participation, and performance from preschool through a lifetime of learning.

To meet this state need, the University must:

- Work with K-12 to reduce remediation
- Increase college going rates
- Increase retention
- Increase transfer from 2 year to 4 year campuses
- Increase production of certificates, associate, and bachelor's degrees

**Expand workforce development initiatives**

Building on a strong liberal arts foundation, the University prepares the full array of workers who are needed in a technologically advanced and globally competitive island state with special attention to areas of critical need.

To meet this state need, the University must:

- Increase outreach to those not in the workforce
- Increase outreach to those who are under-employed
- Increase access and services for non-traditional students
- Expand program capacity in critical shortage areas

**Assist in expanding and diversifying the economy**

The University expands knowledge and skills through research and training, and contributes to the expansion of the economy and the creation of quality, living wage jobs.

To meet this state need, the University must:

- Increase education to encourage entrepreneurship
- Increase technology transfer
- Increase responsiveness to training needs

**Address underserved regions and populations of the state, particularly Native Hawaiians**

The University ensures that the economy and quality of life are enhanced in all parts of the state and that all Hawai'i's citizens have access to the benefits of post-secondary education.

To meet this state need, the University must:

- Increase educational services to western O'ahu (Wai'anae, North Shore, 'Ewa) and West Hawai'i
- Increase student participation and success in all regions of the state, particularly East Hawai'i