IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2051, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO ASSESS PARKING FEES WITHOUT PUBLIC NOTICE, PUBLIC HEARING AND GUBERNATORIAL APPROVAL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CAUCUS:

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus is the representative organization of the approximately 58,000 students enrolled at the University of Hawai‘i system as chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i; and,

WHEREAS, according to our purpose to serve as a collective voice for all University of Hawai‘i students, we are established to advocate for the interests and needs of students throughout the University of Hawai‘i System; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus (UHSC) shall provide a cohesive and unified voice before the Board of Regents, the University Administration, the Hawai‘i State Legislature, and other policy making bodies; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2051 of the 2010 legislative session proposes exempting the Board of Regents from the public notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval requirements of chapter 91 when assessing parking fees on roadways and parking areas under the jurisdiction of the university, and instead would only require an open public meeting before the establishment of such fees as in chapter 92; and,

WHEREAS, many of the students in the University of Hawai‘i system commute to school, and thus heavily rely on the availability of affordable parking spaces on or near campus; and,

WHEREAS, under chapter 91, students have been able to voice their opinions about proposed amendments to parking fees to the Board of Regents prior to the establishment of the fees, helping to keep parking affordable for students and fostering open communication between students at the BOR; and,

WHEREAS, with the proposed changes of HB2051, students’ voices may not be heard in adequate time to prevent the establishment of parking fees that students cannot afford; and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Caucus opposes the passage of HB2051 in its current form, which exempts the Board of Regents from public notice and public hearings before the assessment of parking fees under chapter 91; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Caucus believes it is important for students to have the ability to voice their opinions about university fee assessments to the Board of Regents under the guidelines of chapter 91 before the
establishment of new fees; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
- House Bill No. 2051 introducers Jerry Chang, Cindy Evans, Faye Hanohano, Ken Ito, Mark Nakashima, Joseph Souki, Mark Takai, Clift Tsuiji, Joe Bertram, Denny Coffman, Joey Manahan, Angus McKelvey, Blake Oshiro, and Roy Takumi; Governor Linda Lingle; State Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, Speaker of the House Calvin K.Y. Say, Chair of the State Senate Higher Education Committee Jill Tokuda, Chair of State Senate Economic Development and Technology Committee Carol Fukunaga, Chair of State House Finance Committee Marcus R. Oshiro, The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i; University of Hawai‘i President M.R.C. Greenwood; University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw; Vice Chancellor for Students Francisco Hernandez; Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock, The Graduate Student Organization at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; The Honolulu Advertiser; The Honolulu Star-Bulletin; KITV; Hawaii News Now; KHON; The Honolulu Weekly; and the Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

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