



THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I STUDENT CAUCUS

UHSC RESOLUTION 03-20

In Support of the 2020 US Census

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I STUDENT CAUCUS:

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus is the representative organization of the students of the University of Hawai'i System as chartered by the Board of Regents, representing approximately 51,000 students; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States requires an actual enumeration of the population every 10 years, with the 2020 count beginning in remote Alaska in January 2020 and elsewhere in the United States in March 2020; and,

WHEREAS, any individual who wants to help administer the 2020 Census should apply at 2020census.gov/jobs;

WHEREAS, the goal of the decennial census is to count every person in the United States once, and only once, and in the right place; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the 2020 Census is to eliminate the undercounting and overcounting of specific population groups, problems that were apparent in previous censuses; and,

WHEREAS, under section 2108(b) of title 44, United States Code— (1) the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information from the decennial census is protected from public disclosure for 72 years; (2) the Bureau of the Census is prohibited from sharing any personally identifiable information from the decennial census with any other government agency, including law enforcement and courts of law, or any private entity, for any purpose; and (3) the information collected through the decennial census is used for statistical purposes only; and,

WHEREAS, the census results are used to determine district lines and seat amounts in the US Congress providing for a more representative democracy; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a reported increase of 5.2% in the Hawai'i State population between 2010 (as reported in the 2010 Census) and 2015¹; and,

WHEREAS, the demographic information gathered is vital in helping determine what type of programs and policies would be implemented in certain areas; and,

WHEREAS, In 2020, responding to the census will be easier than ever, as the census form will be available online for the first time and households may choose to respond online, over the phone, or through the mail; and,

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate census requires the fullest possible participation from all residents; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the UHSC encourages all UH students to participate in 2020 Census; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the UHSC encourages students to have their friends and family participate in the 2020 Census; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We call on UH officials to promote the 2020 Census to the UH community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: the Hawai'i State Legislature, the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Benjamin Kudo and Members, University of Hawai'i President David Lassner, all UH Campus Chancellors, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy Donald Straney, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Hae Okimoto.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT UHSC RESOLUTION 03-20

Aye(s): Hawai'i Community College, Kapi'olani Community College, Kaua'i Community College, Leeward Community College, Windward Community College, Maui College, UH West O'ahu, Graduate Student Organization

Naye(s):

Abstention(s):

¹ <http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/hawaii-population/>

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