

## Resolution to Provide Student Support for Sustainability Efforts

Whereas the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has the fifth highest electricity bill amongst universities in the United States of America, and

Whereas the University of Hawai‘i has to come up with approximately \$10,000,000 which costs about \$500/student to pay the electricity bills, and

Whereas the entire electricity bill is funded from student tuition money, and

Whereas the cost of electricity provided by private electricity companies will continue to increase, and

Whereas with increasing electricity prices, more student tuition will have to go into paying the electric bill and less will be used for providing student services, and

Whereas the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Facilities Management Department is currently involved in some cost savings sustainable projects such as light bulb retrofitting, installing a five megawatt photo-voltaic power generation system on the rooftops of several buildings and the main parking structure, and constant commissioning of HVAC systems which will reduce energy consumption by about 27%, and

Whereas becoming more sustainable with electricity, the University of Hawai‘i is helping Hawai‘i Electric Company (HECO) save on their energy production and prevents them from having to build more power plants, and

Whereas future sustainability projects are being planned that could provide for even more savings for the University of Hawai‘i, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization supports future sustainable projects that will provide cost savings for electricity and positive environmental impacts with the expectation that the cost savings will create a reduction in future student tuition hikes and a constant state of student services that tuition money pays for.