

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE MAGOON RESEARCH AND TEACHING FACILITY
FOR CTAHR'S RESEARCH, INSTRUCTION, AND EXTENSION FUNCTIONS
01/31/2012**

WHEREAS, the UH-Mānoa administration, in an open meeting on 11/23/2011, has identified the Magoon Research and Teaching Facility, located at 2717 Woodlawn Drive, as a one of two sites for faculty housing; and

WHEREAS, following the purchase of the land, the February 1967 University of Hawai'i Mauka Mānoa Campus Long Range Development Plan identifies Parcel B (the current Magoon Facility site) as serving as the site for various activities of the College of Tropical Agriculture (presently known as the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, or CTAHR); and

WHEREAS, some of CTAHR's core programs have been conducted at the Magoon Facility for approximately 40 years and cannot be located elsewhere because of the facility's unique geographic location and the agricultural research data and evaluations which have been collected and continue to be needed on this particular site; and

WHEREAS, CTAHR'S research conducted at the Magoon Facility on fruit, flower and biofuels breeding, floriculture; bioremediation; crop protection, aquaponics; sustainable fruit and vegetable production, animal science other areas that support Hawai'i's agricultural businesses, which contribute millions of dollars to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the close proximity of the Magoon Facility to the Mānoa campus allows it to serve as an important field site for both graduate and undergraduate students' research projects and enriches the learning experiences of students enrolled in 24 CTAHR courses; and

WHEREAS, CTAHR's educational outreach has supported the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education of Noelani Elementary School students and other K-12 students statewide through agriculture and provided orientations and training to industry organizations, senior citizens and community members; and

WHEREAS, the UH-Mānoa administration recently expended more than \$4.2 million to renovate and upgrade buildings and greenhouses on the Magoon Facility; and

WHEREAS, the UH-Mānoa administration contracted a 2007 feasibility study conducted by Helber Hastert and Fee for \$586,000 in which the Magoon Facility site was identified as one of four possible sites for faculty housing, but CTAHR administrators and faculty were not consulted on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the UH-Mānoa administration plans to issue another feasibility study on the Magoon Facility site for faculty housing which will cost up to \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, the UH-Mānoa administration has not contracted an Environmental Impact Statement on the feasibility of demolishing the Magoon Facility and bringing it into compliance for residential housing, which

study, if conducted, would prove that this would be a difficult, costly, and time-consuming process, owing to the nature of some of the research done there; and

WHEREAS, there are other sites that can be used for faculty housing which will not violate the intended use upon which the Magoon Facility site was acquired and will not harm or impede the important research, instruction, and Extension programs that are vitally important to CTAHR's students and faculty and to Hawai'i's agricultural industries that are housed there;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UH-Mānoa Graduate Student Organization requests that UH-Mānoa administration remove the Magoon Facility site as a possible site for faculty housing and retain this site for CTAHR's research, instruction, and Extension functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH-Mānoa Graduate Student Organization requests that the CTAHR Faculty Senate and the UH- Mānoa Faculty senate adopt a resolution calling for the UH-Mānoa administration to retain the Magoon Facility site for CTAHR's research, instruction, and Extension functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to UH Board of Regent members, the UH President, UH-Mānoa Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, CTAHR administrators and faculty, and UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee.