

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Faculty Congress

December 1, 2005

Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

The faculty at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo are concerned about the deterioration of campus facilities. Currently there are \$36.2 million of deferred maintenance projects at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College. These projects are backlogged due to the lack of funding. What is particularly distressing is the inability to perform repairs that are needed for health and safety reasons. In times of budget surplus, there is no reason that college students in this state should have to endure unsafe educational facilities. Examples of urgently needed repairs include: the unsafe teaching laboratories in Wentworth Hall, the moldy air conditioning systems in Kanaka'ole Hall and the College of Agriculture Building (among others), and the need for new electrical outlets to prevent the unsafe use of extension cords.

On October 28, 2005 the University of Hawaii at Hilo Faculty Congress passed the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that the University of Hawaii at Hilo Faculty Congress urges the governor of Hawai'i to spend a portion of the projected surplus state revenues on deferred maintenance to correct health and safety problems at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, with an emphasis on 1) improving teaching laboratories to meet health and safety standards, 2) improving air quality in unhealthy buildings, and 3) unsafe electrical wiring,

Thank you for your attention to the welfare of our students.

Respectfully yours,



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