Hanakahi Native Hawaiian Council of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo  
*Position Statement Regarding University of Hawai‘i System’s 30% Cap on Non-Resident Students*

Whereas the current nonresident enrollment policy (BOR, Chapter 5, Section 5-11) of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents’ policy pertaining to Admissions states:

“A public university’s first responsibility is to provide higher education opportunities for qualified students from the community that supports it,” and

Whereas, the purpose of the Board of Regents’ admissions policy is to “provide for a mix of students while insuring preference for qualified Hawai‘i residents”, and

Whereas, the University of Hawai‘i Strategic Outcomes commits to Native Hawaiian educational attainment, increasing Hawai‘i’s educational capital, contributing to the state’s economy, and addressing critical workforce shortages, and

Whereas the University of Hawai‘i is committed to improving the social, economic, and environmental well-being of current and future Hawai‘i generations, and

Whereas, the higher education needs of the state adds a valued dimension and reaffirms our university’s commitment to serving the state,

**Therefore,** the Hanakahi Native Hawaiian Council of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo continues to support the current enrollment cap policy and encourages its active enforcement, and

**Therefore,** we recommend a comprehensive examination of the impact of programs like Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), National Student Exchange (NSE), and all other exchange agreements on individual campuses, specifically, financial aid allocations, housing allocations, tuition costs, and educational experiences for resident students, and

**Therefore,** we recommend a long-range enrollment strategy for the university system and each individual campus as it pertains to informed and planned population growth guided by the existing current enrollment cap policy, and

**Therefore,** we recommend a new tuition schedule at the end of 2012 that will allow the university to continue to meet the current enrollment cap policy, while taking into account realistic economic projections that will foster access to higher education for Hawai‘i residents.