



## Senate Resolution

**Resolution No: SR17-01**

**Resolution Title: In Support of Co-Sponsoring the American Legion Auxiliary – Aloha Girls State Program**

**In the Senate October 04, 2016**

**For second reading**

**Authored & Introduced by: Vice-president Haylie Culp**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:**

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (ASUHW O) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 2,900 classified undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, during the spring session in 2016, an opportunity to foster development and social service emerged and was supported unanimously by the senate. In 2016, the organization approached ASUHW O asking for continued support for the 2017 summer session; and

WHEREAS, Haylie Culp, Vice-President has been appointed as the Chairman for 2017 ALA Aloha Girls State Session and Treasurer Elizabeth Gustafson is serving as Secretary for the committee; and

WHEREAS, ALA Girls State was founded in 1931 as a non-partisan citizenship training, providing leadership experience for high school seniors. It is a nationally recognized program that would allow participants to represent Hawaii at Girls Nation in Washington D.C. each summer; and

WHEREAS, ALA Aloha Girls State offers access to the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, a scholarship opportunity with a minimum of twenty-thousand dollars for one participant to attend higher education and all nominees receive a smaller cash award of less than \$1000 to attend higher education on the completion of their senior year; and

WHEREAS, by supporting ALA Aloha Girls State, UHWO students of various majors would gain access to additional volunteer hours and internship positions with a nationally recognized non-profit charitable corporation; and

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WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary recognizes and supports veterans and their families and it offers exposure and support for veterans and families on campus; and

WHEREAS, by hosting ALA Aloha Girls State, UHWO benefits the surrounding community by increasing awareness of UHWO and providing important leadership and service opportunities to the community while showcasing the dedication of ASUHWO to social justice and opportunity to prospective students; and

WHEREAS, the UHWO Strategic Plan in Objective 5; Hui Ho’Ona’Auao – Partnerships and Collaborations advocates for increasing and strengthening partnerships and experiential learning opportunities with community, state and federal agencies. ALA Aloha Girls State provides a path to partnership with a state and federal agency for veterans and community development and adheres to objective Theme 5 Hui Ho’Ona’Auao; Objectives 2 Partnerships and Collaborations (2015-2020 Strategic Implementation Plan; pg. 47); and,

WHEREAS, ALA Aloha Girls State provides legislative experience to UHWO students accompanying delegates to the Hawaii State Legislature; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai’i-West O’ahu shall co-sponsor: through hosting the event on the UHWO campus; the ALA Aloha Girls State the 2017 Session on Campus June 5-9, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai’i, Interim University of Hawai’i – West O’ahu Chancellor Doris Ching; University of Hawai’i – West O’ahu Vice Chancellor of Administration Kevin Ishida; University of Hawai’i -West O’ahu, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Judy Oliveira, Planning and Campus Operations, The Hoot, the student body, and the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Hawai’i and national organization.

**ROLL CALL**

**Yeas(s):** [4] Treasurer Gustafson, Secretary Gould, and Senators Espinosa and Haff

**Nay(s):** [0]

**Abstain(s):** [0]

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