

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 2**

**CREATION OF THE REGALIA RENTAL PROGRAM TASK FORCE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, Section 1.9.1 of the Law Student Government (“LSG”) Constitution provides that the LSG is a body obligated to be “responsive to the needs and desires of its constituents”; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, March 21, 2014, during the LSG’s Finance Committee meeting, constituents expressed frustration with mounting costs and fees associated with graduation services, ceremonies, and requirements; and

WHEREAS, At the aforementioned Finance Committee meeting, student constituents expressed particular concern with costs associated with graduation regalia to be worn at the Spring 2014 Graduation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, students voted to require regalia attire for the Spring 2014 graduation ceremony; and

WHEREAS, For the 2014 Spring Graduation Ceremony, the cost for regalia attire for Juris Doctor candidates’ Doctorate Gown, Hood, and Tam & Tassel set amounts to \$49.50, \$44.00, and \$41.00, respectfully, for an aggregate total of \$134.50; and

WHEREAS, For the 2014 Spring Graduation Ceremony, the cost for regalia attire for Master of Laws candidates’ Master Gown, Hood, and Tam & Tassel set amounts to \$41.00, \$44.00, and \$41.00, respectfully, for an aggregate total of \$126.00; and

WHEREAS, Costs for regalia have increased from the 2013 Spring Graduation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Regalia attire is often used only once by graduating students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The LSG’s Graduation Committee will create a task force (“Task Force”) to determine a systematically and financially feasible Regalia Rental Program (“RRP”) to purchase Spring 2014 graduates’ regalia so that the purchased regalia may be rented to subsequent graduating students at a reasonable rate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will determine an approximation of the number of 2014 Spring Graduation Ceremony students willing to sell their graduation regalia for purposes of the RRP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will determine the level of necessary funding to purchase all 2014 graduates' regalia based on the approximation of 2014 students willing to participate in the RRP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will determine costs associated with storage of purchased regalia, cleaning of regalia, and the deterioration and life-span of regalia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will determine a means to coordinate purchase and collection of regalia for 2014 Spring Graduation Ceremony participants of the RRP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will make all reasonable efforts to encourage 2014 Spring graduates to donate their regalia for the RRP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Task Force will determine how to provide for continuation of the program so as to afford all future William S. Richardson School of Law graduates the benefit of the RRP; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, In the event that the Task Force determines that an RRP is systematically and financially within the means of the LSG, it will enact the RRP prior to the 2014 Spring Graduation Ceremony to be held on May 18.

Introduced by:

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