

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT  
MĀNOA**

**William S. Richardson School of Law  
2515 Dole Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 1**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE WORKING GROUP ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE,  
HONORING THE LEGACY OF CHIEF JUSTICE RICHARDSON**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, this year is the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Law, renamed after its founder and champion Chief Justice William Shaw Richardson; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the William S. Richardson School of Law embraces Hawai‘i’s diversity and values and recognizes a special responsibility to our state and the Pacific region [William S. Richardson School of Law Strategic Plan 2012-2017]; and,

WHEREAS, the William S. Richardson School of Law strategic plan seeks to instill in students, values of Ho‘owaiwai; “to create wealth and well being for the community”, and provides programs that address the “legal claims of indigenous peoples” and promote “abiding commitment to public service” [William S. Richardson School of Law strategic plan 2012-2017]; and,

WHEREAS, the William S. Richardson School of Law provided Hawai‘i students, previously faced with the inability to finance the travel, tuition and living costs away from home, the opportunity of equal education despite economic background and the ability for an individual to contribute to his local community [H.S.C.R. 694 House Floor Debate]; and,

WHEREAS, today, students of the William S. Richardson School of Law on average incur debts of \$80,000 - \$100,000 upon graduation resulting from the financial obstacle of tuition that has increased 170 percent over the last ten years and over 10,000 percent since the Law school was founded in 1973 [William S. Richardson School of Law Timeline]; and,

WHEREAS, these financial burdens create adversity and struggle between a student’s desire to pursue areas of public interest and their respective ability to support themselves, their families, and their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, a working group on student tuition relief has been created to address these concerns by the Executive; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Senate affirm the working group on student tuition relief to engage with students, university administration and faculty, community leaders, and policy makers to facilitate the creation and implementation of a program for tuition relief and cost of living adjustment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the working group be accountable to the Senate and provide an official report to include recommendations for Senate by the second meeting of the Spring 2013 Session; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the working group be comprised of seven subcommittees, namely; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa System, William S. Richardson School of Law Administration and Faculty, William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni, Non-Profit Organizations, State, County, Resolution Crafting; and other such subcommittees as deemed necessary by the chair; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Senator Keani Rawlins-Fernandez be affirmed as chair of the working group and will provide a monthly report to the Executive Branch; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Executive Branch will disseminate information on the status on the working group's progress as necessary; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Board affirm the working group on student tuition relief and cost of living adjustments to increase Hawai'i's communities' access to justice in honor of Chief Justice William Shaw Richardson.

Introduced by:

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Matthew Ka`aihue  
SBA 2L Representative

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