



Academic Senate of Hawai'i Community College

Resolution #2019-3

A resolution calling for Hawai'i Community College to use fully compostable products in all food serving capacities on the Manono and Pāalamanui Campuses.

Whereas, the use of plastic container products is well documented as generally doing damage to the environment and as more specifically causing two large plastic “garbage patch” zones in the Pacific (Western and Eastern Pacific:

<https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/about/media/how-big-great-pacific-garbage-patch-science-vs-myth.html>) and,

Whereas, the state government is taking steps to outlaw all single use plastics by state agencies by July 1, 2021 and all restaurants and other businesses by July 1, 2022 and,

Whereas, Hawai'i Community College has offered compostable containers in the past and UH Hilo has almost completely transitioned to compostable containers and,

Whereas, there is great support for reducing the use of plastics by the Hawai'i Community College community, even if it costs more and,

Whereas, the Hawai'i Community College Agriculture Department is working with its partners to create a sustainable composting operation,

Be it resolved, that Manono and Pāalamanui Campuses begin to phase out single use plastic products starting Fall Semester 2019 and by Fall Semester 2020 using all compostable containers and products and,

Be it further resolved, that the Hawai'i Community College administration work with the UH Hilo administration to secure the necessary land needed to build a sustainable composting site by Fall Semester 2020.

Effective Date: April 26, 2019