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### **University and Community Groups Launch Campaign To Stop UH Bid for Classified Military Research**

Community organizations and concerned faculty and students at the University of Hawai'i launched a campaign against the establishment of a University Affiliated Research Center or UARC at the University of Hawai'i.

There will be a rally and teach-in on the consequences and dangers of UARC and classified military research at UH: **UH Campus Center, January 19, 2005, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Groups opposed to UARC at UH include: the American Friends Service Committee – Hawai'i, DMZ-Hawai'i / Aloha 'Aina, 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition, 'Ilio'ulaokalani UH Chapter, KAHEA, Kualii Council, Not In Our Name – Hawai'i, 'Ohana Koa / Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific, Refuse and Resist, University Peace Initiative, and UH Not In Our Name. The groups have requested a meeting with UH President McClain to discuss their concerns.

The proposed UARC would expand classified military research at UH Manoa in the fields of ocean sciences and technology, astronomy, advanced electro-optics and lasers, and advanced communications and information systems.

“There is no place for classified military research at a public institution,” said Manu Kaiama of the Kualii Council, which represents Native Hawaiian students, staff and faculty on the UH Manoa campus.

“UARC is the latest military assault on Hawaiian land, culture, and spirituality,” said Keli'i Collier, an undergraduate student in Hawaiian studies.

“UARC would place a cloak of secrecy over major research programs and eliminate public accountability. It's outrageous that the Board of Regents has conditionally adopted the UARC without public input,” said Kyle Kajihiro, Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee Hawai'i Area Program.

Groups also questioned UH policy on classified research. “'Ilio'ulaokalani strongly advocates for a policy that opposes classified research,” said Vicky Takamine, UH instructor in hula and organizer of 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition.

Kajihiro added “UH is a public institution. It should serve the public good, not promote militarism and war. We will not allow our university to be taken over as an instrument of war.”

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