

PRESS STATEMENT  
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DEFEND UH AND THE COMMUNITY AGAINST CLASSIFIED MILITARY RESEARCH

Community members, students and faculty at the University of Hawai'i strongly oppose the UH administration's plans to expand classified research at the University of Hawai'i, especially the establishment of a research unit (UARC or Applied Research Laboratory) either on or off campus.

Reasons:

1. Conducting classified research directly or indirectly on behalf of the military will further harm the people and the environment of Hawai'i and is incompatible with the life-enhancing, positive mission of the university;
2. Conducting classified research directly or indirectly on behalf of the military will further stunt Hawai'i's economic diversity and growth;
3. Conducting classified research directly or indirectly on behalf of the military is opposed by many Native Hawaiian groups. It is hypocritical of the University to style itself a "Hawaiian place of learning" if it engages in research that a variety of Hawaiian groups oppose on the grounds that such research brings significant harm to the aina, Hawaiian cultural and spiritual traditions, and to the Hawaiian sovereignty movement;
4. Conducting publication-restricted research is incompatible with the fundamental mission of a university to publicize research to all communities and to promote the free exchange of ideas;

This coalition of community groups, students and faculty also believe that the UH administration has overstated the economic benefits that an expanded classified research presence in the system will have for programs and students.

In addition, the UH administration has ignored (for five months) a Board of Regents directive (from November 18, 2004) to conduct full and comprehensive consultations with stakeholders on this issue, and as such has demonstrated its lack of a sense of responsibility towards and connectedness with the larger community. The administration intends to conclude a contract with NAVSEA some time in April of 2005.

This coalition will make their objections known at the UHM faculty congress on March 16, 2:30 pm, Crawford 105, on UH-M campus.

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