



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 100 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i strongly supports the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) request to expend monies from the Institutional Network (INET) reserve account to fund improvements in the State INET fiber optic network. The design of the requested fiber optic network improvements resulted from an ongoing collaboration among the three State INET agency partners, Enterprise Technology Services (for the State Executive Branch), the Department of Education, and the University of Hawai'i. The improvements represent strategic upgrades to the existing State INET fiber optic network, to enhance reliability, flexibility and availability for all the INET partners.

DCCA administers the statewide cable television franchise agreements for the State of Hawai'i. As a part of its responsibility to administer the agreements, DCCA coordinates statewide investment in the franchisee-provided Institutional Network (INET) on behalf of the three State INET agency partners. DCCA convenes representatives of the State INET agency partners on a regular basis to ensure that the INET fiber optic network continues to serve the strategic connectivity needs of the State.

Please note that this testimony is presented in support of the DCCA INET budget request, and is supplemental to President Lassner's full testimony in support of HB 100.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.