



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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HB 1900 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 1900, Relating to the State Budget. Recognizing that we had a more in-depth presentation of our budget on January 16, 2018, we will keep this testimony brief.

Operating

Provided below is a table showing the Board of Regent (BOR) approved request for the supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (FY19). All Means of Financing (MOF) are general funds:

Campus	Description	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$
Mānoa	Facilities	7.00		4,038,848
Mānoa	Student Success Initiative - Veterans, Filipinos, Mental Health	7.00		575,000
Mānoa	Native Hawaiian Affairs Action Plan	4.00		700,000
Mānoa	Student Research & Innovation	2.00		535,000
Mānoa	Graduate Student Initiative - Phase I	-		2,850,000
Mānoa	FTEs for Athletics	43.00		-
Hilo	DKICP - Janitorial & Groundskeeping	3.00		120,495
Hilo	Native Hawaiian Development	1.00		260,000
Hilo	Student Workforce	-		200,000
SBDC	10 temp FTE for SBDC		10.00	
UHWO	Health & Safety / Utilities / Equipment	7.00		781,000
UHWO	Academic Affairs Restructure & Growth	10.00		680,000
UHWO	Student Affairs	6.00		446,364
CCs	Hawai'i Promise Program			700,000
CCs	Arch/Eng for Facilities	3.00		273,600
CCs	Additional Pos for Security	31.00		1,083,264
CCs	Apprentice Lecturer Costs	-		260,000
CCs	Filipino Student Support	6.00		614,920
CCs	Veterans Support	7.00		473,108
CCs	Native Hawaiian Student Support	16.00		1,729,908
System	Office of Strategic Planning & Development	4.00		500,000
	Total	157.00	10.00	16,821,507

Mānoa

\$3 million is requested for ongoing special repair and maintenance projects at UH Mānoa that would not be appropriate in the capital portion of the budget. Seven positions are also requested to be facilities zone managers to oversee specific portions of the campus to be more responsive to facilities related issues. There is also additional funding requested for an access control computerized card system to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

To assist underserved students, \$575,000 is requested for additional resources for Student Services Specialists and Psychologists. These positions would provide support services for Filipino students, Pacific Island students, Veterans, and students with disabilities. Additionally, the psychologists would support the Counseling and Student Development Center in providing high demand mental health, developmental/wellness, and prevention services to UH Mānoa's diverse student population.

In summer 2017, the inaugural Native Hawaiian Affairs Program Officer position was created and hired in the Office of the Chancellor at UH Mānoa, establishing the Office of Native Hawaiian Affairs. Additional resources are requested to assist in enacting this Office's Action Plan which would seek to increase retention and graduation of Native Hawaiian students and strengthen the Hawaiian sense of place at UH Mānoa. Positions will be established to promote community and student-faculty engagement, campus environment, co-curricular programming, and graduate and faculty development.

\$535,000 is requested for UH Mānoa for student research and innovation projects and support and personnel services such as workshops and an undergraduate research showcase. This initiative will not only support UH Mānoa's research mission but also provide an opportunity for increased engagement by undergraduate students.

The Legislature has previously shown support for graduate student employees who have not seen structural raises for many years. As a result, UH Mānoa is requesting an additional \$2.85 million to raise the base salary for its graduate assistants.

Forty-three (43) General Funded position counts are requested for UH Mānoa Athletics. This would convert positions that are currently funded by the Athletics Special Fund to the State General Fund, which would provide savings to UH in excess of \$1.1 million in fringe costs.

Hilo

Two additional janitors and an additional groundskeeper are requested for UH Hilo for maintenance and upkeep of the new Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building.

Additionally, UH Hilo is requesting resources to assist in implementing its Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao plan, which complements the UH system HPOKA plan. This request would seek to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of Native Hawaiians through student support services and high impact applied learning experiences such as internships, community-based/service learning, undergraduate research, and work-based learning.

UH Hilo is also requesting \$200,000 to employ students as both peer mentors and advisors. Peer mentoring and advising are key components of Hilo's strategy to increase retention rates. This request would expand pilot projects that have already demonstrated positive outcomes.

Although a separate program ID from UH Hilo, there is a request for ten (10) temporary positions for UH-Hilo Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which are currently provided via RCUH. This conversion will allow for the positions and functions to be done by UH employees.

West O'ahu

As the UH West O'ahu (UHWO) campus grows and evolves, various infrastructure and direct instructional needs grow as well and necessitate additional resources. UHWO is requesting \$781,000 for its infrastructure needs, such as security, janitorial duties, funding for utilities cost, and equipment for 21st century classrooms. Although still a relatively new campus, providing a base level of funding for facilities and upkeep will maintain these new facilities in their current condition and avoid the maintenance backlog situation seen on other campuses. \$680,000 is requested to assist with the restructuring of academic programs at UHWO to accommodate growth, and \$446,364 is requested to improve student services as the enrollment grows.

Community Colleges

The 2017 Legislature appropriated \$1,829,000 for the Hawai'i Promise Program, although the original request was for \$2,500,000. A total of \$1,600,000 was issued for the Fall 2017 semester, and it is anticipated that this number will grow as awareness of the program grows and additional scholarships are issued in the future. An additional \$700,000 is requested to provide full funding.

The Community Colleges are requesting three additional architectural/engineering positions to adequately staff their Facilities Office. Currently this office has only four FTE architectural/engineering positions to manage over three million gross square feet of classrooms, labs, shops, and office spaces located on seven major campuses and numerous satellite education centers statewide.

The request for 31 additional positions and \$1.1 million for security would provide 24/7 coverage by a minimum of two security officers for all Community College campuses.

Additional resources are also requested to help address the increasing lecturer cost for the Apprenticeship program, counselors to assist Filipino students, and counselors and support staff for Veterans. Finally, \$1.7 million is requested to provide permanent funding for successful programs originally funded by Title III grants from the U.S. Department of Education that are expiring or may have already expired.

Systemwide Administration

This request would establish a small office at the Systemwide Administration level, which would oversee strategic development and partnerships for UH. The office is necessary to increase specialized expertise and resources of UH to develop public-private partnerships to more effectively deliver UH services and to activate UH's objectives to increase utilization of real estate assets as prudently responsible and consistent with the Integrated Academic and Facilities Plan. This office and approach is also consistent with the objectives identified by the Regents' task group on real estate development and the recently established Regents' task group on public-private partnerships.

Governor's Operating Budget

The Governor's budget request reduced the BOR's \$16.8 million request to \$6.7 million. A breakout is provided:

Campus	Description	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$
Mānoa	Facilities	7.00		1,500,000
Mānoa	Student Success Initiative - Veterans, Filipinos, Mental Health	5.00		400,000
Mānoa	Native Hawaiian Affairs Action Plan	3.00		500,000
Mānoa	Student Research & Innovation	-		175,000
Mānoa	Graduate Student Initiative - Phase I	-		621,397
Mānoa	FTEs for Athletics (convert from special funds to general funds and transfer between personal services and other current expenses)	43.00		2,690,844
Mānoa	FTEs for Athletics			(2,690,844)
Hilo	DKICP - Janitorial & Groundskeeping	3.00		120,495
Hilo	Native Hawaiian Development	1.00		200,000
SBDC	10 temp FTE for SBDC (transfer from other current expenses to fund personal services)		10.00	543,852
SBDC	10 temp FTE for SBDC			(543,852)
UHWO	Health & Safety / Utilities / Equipment	3.00		300,000
UHWO	Academic Affairs Restructure & Growth	8.00		400,000
UHWO	Student Affairs	3.00		200,000
CCs	Hawai'i Promise Program			700,000
CCs	Apprentice Lecturer Costs	-		260,000
CCs	Filipino Student Support	3.00		350,000
CCs	Veterans Support	7.00		473,108
CCs	Native Hawaiian Student Support	5.00		500,000
	Total	91.00	10.00	6,700,000

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Provided below is a table showing the BOR approved request for FY19. All MOF are General Obligation (GO) bonds:

Project Title	FY19 \$\$\$
Mānoa - Renew, Improve, Modernize (RIM) projects	139,500,000
Mānoa - Sinclair Library Renovation	41,000,000
Mānoa - Keller Hall Renovations, design phase	1,500,000
Hilo - Renew, Improve, Modernize projects	27,900,000
Hilo - Puako Marine Educational Center, design phase	1,000,000
West O'ahu - Renew, Improve, Modernize projects	3,000,000
West O'ahu - Relocation of Dental Hygiene Program from UH Mānoa to UH West O'ahu	10,000,000
CC - Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance	25,000,000
CC - Minor Capital Improvement Projects	10,000,000
Hawai'i CC - Campus Development, design phase	2,000,000
Leeward CC - Repave Fascia & Replace Walkways Campuswide	8,800,000
Total	269,700,000

UH is requesting \$170.4 million to renovate, improve, and modernize (RIM) classrooms, laboratories, and offices into quality learning, teaching, and working spaces. Instead of traditional classrooms lined with rows of single desks, movable and flexible furniture allows for various seating options that encourage small group discussions and hands-on learning configurations. Modern-day needs encourage multi-disciplinary collaboration and the replacement and renovation of buildings provides an opportunity to bring departments together and encourage the sharing of knowledge and ideas.

The renovation of Sinclair Library will repurpose it as a student success center to increase student retention, improve the campus experience, and increase space utilization and effectiveness.

\$1.5 million is requested to begin the design phase of Keller Hall renovations, which will be the first step to establishment of a STEM zone to consolidate STEM programs and provide improved and modernized classrooms and laboratory spaces.

UH Hilo is requesting \$1 million to design the first phase of a Marine Education and Research Center in Puako, consisting of a new boat storage building with restrooms and a new pavilion.

In anticipation of the relocation of the Department of Dental Hygiene currently at UH Mānoa to UHWO, \$10 million is requested for costs associated with this relocation.

For the Community Colleges, \$35 million is requested for CRDM and Minor CIP projects in addition to \$8.8 million for fascia and sidewalk improvements at Leeward Community College and \$2 million for the design of a new campus for Hawai'i Community College in Hilo.

Governor's CIP Budget

The Governor reduced the BOR approved request by \$149.7 million:

Project Title	FY19 \$\$\$
Mānoa - Sinclair Library Renovation	20,000,000
CC - Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance	12,000,000
CC - Minor Capital Improvement Projects	10,000,000
Hawai'i CC - Campus Development, design phase	2,000,000
UH - Renew, Improve, Modernize (RIM) Projects	76,000,000
Total	120,000,000

We recognize that Hawai'i has many competing needs for general funds and GO bond appropriation and are appreciative of any support that the Legislature can provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.