Good Morning Honorable Regents,

I wanted to give you an update and, again, ask you to please conduct a financial, EEO, and campus climate audit of Hawai‘i Community College. Since the last time I testified as the Student Government President, and as the representative for student government, I was investigated and found in violation of student conduct code violations— I, a student who pays my own tuition, have retaliated against.

The administration used students (who they gave jobs and other compensation to) to trump up some very ridiculous charges, and despite several witnesses that testified that I was the one that was actually bullied by these students, the investigator conducted an extremely one sided, biased, and unfair investigation. In some cases, the investigator even wrote untrue statements, and did not use most of the evidence that would defend me. I had to spend over 200 hours trying to make this flawed report accurate, and in the middle, she cut off my time to submit additional evidence, and proceeded with the conviction and sanctions that admin expected her to hand down. I was removed from student government and put on disciplinary probation for one year. This is clearly retaliation and the saddest part is that they used students to do this.

This same approach has been used against many others, which includes faculty, staff, and students. Please insist that Rachel Solemsaas grant this audit- financial, EEO, and campus climate. Thank you for your time and attention to this.

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