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#### Notice of Meeting UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I BOARD OF REGENTS

Board business not completed on this day will be taken up on another day and time announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Place: Kapi'olani Community College

220 Grille, 'Ōhi'a Building 4303 Diamond Head Road

Honolulu, HI 96816

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#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 16, 2024 and March 7, 2024 Meetings
- III. Public Comment Period for Agenda Items:

Individuals who are unable to provide testimony at this time will be allowed an opportunity to testify when specific agenda items are called.

All written testimony on agenda items received after posting of this agenda and up to 48 hours in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the board. Late testimony on agenda items will be distributed to the board at the beginning of the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted via the board's website through the testimony link provided on the Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Materials page. Testimony may also be submitted via email at bor.testimony@hawaii.edu, U.S. mail at 2444 Dole Street, Bachman 209, Honolulu, HI 96822, or facsimile at (808) 956-5156.

Those wishing to provide oral testimony virtually may register <a href="here">here</a>. Given the constraints with the format of hybrid meetings, individuals wishing to orally testify virtually must register no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be accommodated. Registration for in-person oral testimony on agenda items will also be provided at the meeting location 15 minutes prior to the meeting and closed at the posted meeting time. It is highly recommended that written testimony be submitted in addition to registering to provide oral testimony. Oral testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per testifier.

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Although remote oral testimony is being permitted, this is a regular meeting and not a remote meeting by interactive conference technology under Section 92-3.7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). Therefore, the meeting will continue notwithstanding loss of audiovisual communication with remote testifiers or loss of the public broadcast of the meeting.

All written testimony submitted are public documents. Therefore, any testimony that is submitted orally or in writing, electronically or in person, for use in the public meeting process is public information and will be posted on the board's website.

#### IV. Report of the President

- A. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Update
- B. Broadband Project Update
- C. Honolulu Community College and Kapi'olani Community College Regional Presentation

### V. Quarterly Governance Group Report – University of Hawai'i Student Caucus

#### VI. Committee and Affiliate Reports

- A. Report from the Committee on Independent Audit
- B. Report from the Committee on Institutional Success
- C. Report from the Committee on Student Success

#### VII. Agenda Items

- A. Legislative Update
- B. Regent Report on <u>AGB National Conference on Trusteeship</u> per 92-2.5(e), HRS.

#### VIII. Executive Session (closed to the public):

- A. <u>Legal Matters</u>: (To consult with the board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS)
  - 1. Quarterly Status Report on Legal Matters

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- B. <u>Personnel</u>: (To consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), HRS)
  - 1. Discussion Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine

#### IX. Announcements

A. Next Meeting: May 16, 2024 (Location To Be Determined)

#### X. Adjournment

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Personnel actions posted for information only, pursuant to Section 89C-4, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. These actions are not subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

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Campus	Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Proposed Title	Unit	Nature of Action	Monthly Salary	Effective Date
UH Mānoa	Murata	Nathan	Dean	College of Education	Salary Adjustment	\$18,328	April 19, 2024
Honolulu CC	Higa-King	Jennifer	Dean	University College	Salary Adjustment	\$10,667	April 19, 2024
Honolulu CC	Inafuku	Derek	Vice Chancellor	Administrative Services	Salary Adjustment	\$11,809	April 19, 2024
Honolulu CC	Willets-Vaquilar	Preshess	Dean	Transportation and Trades (Tech 1)	Appointment	\$10,416	April 19, 2024
Kapiolani CC	Burke	Laure	Interim Dean	Business, Legal & Technology, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality & Tourism	Appointment	\$11,913	June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025
Maui College	Dukelow	Kaheleonolani	Vice Chancellor	Academic Affairs	Salary Adjustment	\$11,905	April 19, 2024
Maui College	Nagle	Laura	Dean	Career & Technical Education	Salarŷ Adjustment	\$10,667	April 19, 2024
Windward CC	Eschenberg	Ardis	Chancellor	Windward Community College	Salary Adjustment	\$15,870	April 19, 2024

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#### **MINUTES**

### BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2024

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

**Meeting Video** 

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alapaki Nahale-a called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, Hale Kīho'iho'i Room 10, 722 South Aohoku Place, Hilo, HI 96720, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Vice-Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chair Ernest Wilson; Regent Neil Abercrombie; Regent Lauren Akitake; Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Abigail Mawae; Regent Diane Paloma; and Regent Laurie Tochiki.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University of Hawai'i (UH) General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; VP for Advancement/UH Foundation (UHF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tim Dolan; UH-Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West Oʻahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Interim Hawaiʻi Community College (HawCC) Chancellor Susan Kazame; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

Chair Nahale-a thanked his fellow regents for adapting to the new two-day meeting format and communicated his sincere appreciation to Board Office staff, administrators and staff at UHH and HawCC, and the numerous individuals involved in coordinating and putting together these meetings and their associated presentations.

#### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2024 MEETING

Chair Nahale-a inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January 18, 2024, meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced that the Board Office received written comments from Karen Pellegrin regarding her concerns with various issues at UHH and that one individual signed up to provide oral testimony.

Jill Nunokawa provided oral comments on the previous day's committee meetings, the role of the university in educating Hawai'i's people, and the duty of regents to serve as leaders of UH.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

Written Testimony Received

#### IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

#### A. President's Award for Excellence in Building and Ground Maintenance

President Lassner reviewed a few of the findings contained within a recent University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization report regarding the value and affordability of a UH education, highlighting data regarding the estimated lifetime financial value of earning an associates or bachelor's degree from a campus within the university system. He spoke about the university's efforts to make clear that public higher education is an investment among students, their families, and taxpayers, worthy of community and legislative support; underscored the university's accelerated success in obtaining extramural and philanthropic awards, as well as developing a capacity to engage in public-private partnerships, all of which helps contain growth in the financial burdens on tuition and state general funds; expounded upon some of the reasons for the differences in tuition rates and student loan debt of UH students relative to students at other institutions of higher education across the country, noting an actual decline in the university's resident tuition rate over the last ten years when adjusted for inflation; emphasized the role UH, and public higher education in general, plays in socioeconomic mobility, particularly for individuals from financially disadvantaged backgrounds; and discussed the numerous economic benefits the state accrues from UH graduates. He also commented on the reasonably priced, excellent avenue to higher education offered by the community college system and noted the recognition the university recently received from the Community College Research Center regarding its transfer performance, which serves as a testament to the availability of intercampus pathways between the university's two- and four-year institutions. Despite being one of the nation's leaders with respect to transfer rates between its community colleges and baccalaureate institutions, the university remains committed to improving these numbers.

In addition, President Lassner presented Mr. Shannon Asejo, the sole electrician on the UHH campus, with the President's Award for Excellence in Building and Ground Maintenance which is given to an individual who has exhibited sustained superior performance in a maintenance, landscaping, custodial, or trucking position. He noted several of Mr. Asejo's achievements, spoke about some of the accolades he has received from supervisors and fellow employees, and commended his exemplary service to the university.

Regents offered their congratulations to Mr. Asejo and expressed their appreciation for his service to the university, particularly UHH.

#### B. <u>UHH and HawCC Regional Presentation</u>

Chair Nahale-a introduced this agenda item by providing some of the rationale behind the board's decision to move towards regional presentations which, in his opinion, allows regents to develop a better understanding of the connection between a campus and the community it serves. He also shared his thoughts on the positive impacts the university is having on the state and the profound link between the excellence of the institution and the greatness of the State and its people.

Chancellor Irwin and Interim Chancellor Kazama began by thanking their respective students, faculty, and staff for all of the work carried out in the challenging task of putting together this joint, co-hosted, regional campus presentation. They went on to provide a brief history of UHH and HawCC's establishment as educational institutions; talk about the resilience of, and servant leadership mindset embraced by, each campus, as well as the tremendous amount of community support enjoyed by both institutions; review census data for Hawai'i County and the State of Hawai'i relative to the population served by UHH and HawCC; discuss enrollment challenges facing both campuses, including Hawai'i Island's lower-than-average college-going rate among eligible high school students; point out potential enrollment opportunities for both institutions given the high number of individuals within Hawai'i County who lack a college degree; mention the institutional aspirations of improving the communities they serve, regardless of whether a resident chooses a higher educational pathway, while maintaining a desire for more individuals on Hawai'i Island to attain a college or university degree; describe the vast regions served by UHH and HawCC and its affiliated campuses, research and laboratory facilities, and educational centers; speak about the breadth and depth of educational programming, unique curricula, various instructional modalities, and degrees offered at each campus and the opportunities this provides to individuals living within the aforementioned regions and beyond; summarize their two distinct missions with each providing curricula to meet the post-secondary needs of unique student populations; highlight the strong academic relationship between the two campuses as evidenced by various articulation and career pathway agreements, in addition to the sharing of facilities and services, including a library, office space, and a child care program, and the ongoing work to increase and maximize these connections; and share insights on the creation. development, and implementation of career pathways and workforce development initiatives which have been designed to address community needs, such as the recently established Bachelor of Science in Data Science at UHH. They also briefly reviewed student population statistics and demographics, along with enrollment figures, to further exemplify the diversity and characteristics of individuals each institution serves; went over several of the drivers for out-of-state enrollment, particularly at UHH, including unique, place-based curricula associated with marine biology, astronomy, and geology; touched upon efforts to increase community engagement and partnerships to further the missions of UHH and HawCC and encourage economic diversification for both Hawai'i County and the State; drew attention to the vast number of research and community engagement activities being carried out by UHH and HawCC; stressed the importance

of, and never-ending work towards, achieving educational equity in the world of postsecondary education; and discussed each campus's work towards accomplishing the goals for each of the four imperatives set forth in the University of Hawai'i Strategic Plan 2023-2029.

To illustrate the success of UHH and HawCC's educational strategies and programming and the impact this has had on students, Interim Chancellor Kazama and Chancellor Irwin shared stories about Eden Ledward, a HawCC carpentry major who has been accepted to the UHM School of Engineering for fall 2024, and Taylor U'ilani Barongan, a senior biology major at UHH and published author of poetry, recapping their academic journeys and numerous accomplishments.

Regent Higaki requested information about the immediate future plans of Ms. Barongan. Ms. Barongan replied that, while she would like to pursue a career in physical therapy with a focus on holistic wellness, she was still unsure of her path forward towards achieving this professional degree upon graduating from UHH.

Referencing the educational journey of Ms. Ledward, Regent Higaki asked if Interim Chancellor Kazama had information on the number of graduates from HawCC's carpentry program who immediately seek employment opportunities as opposed to furthering their post-secondary education. Interim Chancellor Kazama stated that, while almost everyone in HawCC's carpentry program receives job offers in the construction industry prior to graduation, only a few go on to seek a baccalaureate degree from a four-year institution.

Regent Abercrombie inquired about the instructional modalities offered at UHH and HawCC. He also asked whether the astronomy program, with its large percentage of out-of-state students, needed any additional support. Chancellor Irwin replied that UHH is only second to UHM in the number of opportunities for face-to-face and hybrid course instruction. However, the campus has found that when students have a choice between online and in-person classes, the online sections tend to fill up first, which she believes is partially due to the types of students being served by UHH including those with families or full-time jobs. With regard to the astronomy program, it is doing well and does get support from, and collaborates with, the university's Institute for Astronomy, the observatories currently on Maunakea, and the scientific community in general. Interim Chancellor Kazama concurred with Chancellor Irwin's comments regarding online instructional modalities noting nearly 45 percent of students at HawCC are enrolled in online coursework for similar reasons as previously stated. Regent Abercrombie stressed the importance of in-person course instruction and the need to enhance support services for individuals with familial obligations or who are employed.

Regent Haning questioned whether reliable public transportation services on Hawai'i Island, or the lack thereof, was an obstacle to students attending either HawCC or UHH. Interim Chancellor Kazama replied that while free public transportation services are available on Hawai'i Island students do sometimes experience problems utilizing this alternative. As a result, both UHH and HawCC are exploring options to help address the transportation needs of its students. Transportation difficulties also highlight the

necessity for some students to have increased access to online course instruction, especially for those residing in more remote areas of Hawai'i Island.

Citing a critical workforce need in the healthcare field, Vice-Chair Wilson verbalized his support for providing campuses with greater amounts of appropriate resources, whether it be financial or otherwise, so the university can further mitigate this demand, especially for the rural communities. Chancellor Irwin agreed with Vice-Chair Wilson's assessment of healthcare workforce demands and spoke about two healthcare convenings comprised of legislators, healthcare service providers, medical professionals, and university officials, to discuss this very topic.

Regents lauded the achievements of Ms. Ledward and Ms. Barongan remarking that these two individuals exemplified the kind of students who will improve the university as an institution and will serve as future leaders for the betterment of society. They also lauded Chancellor Benham and Interim Chancellor Kazama, as well as the faculty, staff, and students of UHH and HawCC, for the efforts put forth in making their institutions significant contributors to higher education in Hawai'i and around the world.

## V. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I ALL CAMPUS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE CHAIRS (ACCFSC)

Erin Centeio and Debasis Bhattacharya, the ACCFSC four-year and two-year campus co-chairs for 2023-2024, spoke about the purpose, functions, composition, activities, responsibilities, and meeting schedule of the ACCFSC noting that it serves as an arena for university faculty to participate in the development and interpretation of system-wide policy and fosters communication and understanding among the faculty, students, administration, board, and community. They also recognized Vice-Chair Wilson and Regent Abercrombie, in addition to President Lassner and VP Halbert, who serve as the board and administration's liaisons to the ACCFSC respectively; highlighted findings from a quality of faculty work-life survey, which measures faculty satisfaction and morale at each of the university campuses, conducted in 2022; noted a similar survey will be conducted in 2026; and discussed the use of survey results to address faculty concerns with the administration at both the campus and system level.

Regent Tochiki asked about the number of faculty who participated in the work-life survey and the availability of survey data in a disaggregated format. Dr. Centeio responded that approximately 4,043 faculty members completed the survey in 2022 which equates to about a 21.6 percent response rate. She also referenced a link in the ACCFSC presentation which leads to a site containing large amounts of information for each year in which this survey was conducted.

Regent Abercrombie inquired about the methodology used to distribute the work-life survey, questioned whether there were variances in survey response rates by campus, and asked if the survey contained questions about satisfaction with faculty senate leadership. He also asked about participation rates for faculty senate elections and offered his views on some of the 2022 survey results. Dr. Centeio replied that the survey is distributed to all faculty across the university system via a listserve. Additionally, ACCFSC encourages survey participation by way of individual campus

senates. While survey response rates vary by campus, each campus witnessed a response rate of roughly 20 percent or more with the exception of Windward Community College which saw a response rate of about 16.3 percent. Furthermore, the survey does contain questions about satisfaction with faculty senate leadership. Dr. Centeio and Dr. Bhattacharya both stated that participation rates for faculty senate elections are dependent on a number of factors at the individual campuses. However, Dr. Bhattacharya remarked that the participation rate for the last faculty senate election at UH Maui College exceeded 40 percent.

#### VI. REPORT OF UHF

VP/UHF CEO Dolan reported on the fundraising efforts of UHF for the current fiscal year, stating that, just a tad over \$80 million has been raised to date as compared to \$65 million received at the same time last year, which is an extremely encouraging sign at this juncture of the fiscal year. He discussed UHF's \$1 billion comprehensive capital campaign, which continues to raise money at an aggressive pace garnering slightly more than \$611 million in contributions thus far; noted the balance of UHF's endowment fund portfolio assets stood at \$507.6 million as of December 31, 2023; and spoke about UHF's first ever Giving Day, a 24-hour online event with crowdfunding components to raise funds for, and promote gift impact opportunities from, all of the 10 campuses within the UH System, which is scheduled to take place on April 10, 2024. He also announced the awarding of over \$16 million in scholarships last year, emphasizing that assisting students in obtaining a post-secondary education at UH through the provision of financial aid is a primary motivator of UHF's fundraising work.

Chair Nahale-a asked VP Dolan to share his thoughts on UHF's current staffing levels in addition to the amount of personnel he believes would be adequate to build capacity towards achieving UHF's preeminent fundraising goal. He also requested an update on the loss of UHF staff for Hawai'i Island which was mentioned during vesterday's committee meetings. VP Dolan replied that UHF currently consists of about 30 fundraisers in addition to other staff which is unusual for a higher educational institution of this size. By comparison, many of the fundraising arms at other similarly sized universities have upwards of 250 fundraiser personnel. He explained that a statutory restriction placed on the amount the university can invest in its own foundation which is currently set at \$3 million is a large part of the reason for UHF having such a small staff to address this issue. If this cap were rescinded, VP Dolan believed the capacity to generate more philanthropic donations for the university would increase exponentially. With respect to UHF staff on Hawai'i Island, VP Dolan acknowledged the existence of staff vacancies due to recent departures and mentioned the critical need to fill those vacancies as soon as possible so as to ensure continued fundraising success for this region. However, he was happy to report that four applications have been received for the abovementioned vacancies and UHF hopes to fill those positions soon.

Regent Higaki questioned whether there was an explanation for the large decrease in funds raised for Kapi'olani Community College. VP Dolan responded that a very large donation was received for the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapi'olani Community College in 2023 which accounts for the significant drop in funds received by the campus to date.

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Referencing the \$3 million restriction on the amount the university can invest in its own foundation, Regent Abercrombie inquired as to whether UHF was coordinating efforts with the university administration to seek the elimination of this cap. VP Dolan replied that, although bills to repeal this statutory provision have been introduced and heavily lobbied for, they have always failed to gain traction at the Legislature. Regent Abercrombie expressed his bewilderment with respect to legislative opposition to eliminating the \$3 million cap stating he was in strong support of repealing this statutory restriction.

Regent Tochiki sought clarification about the allowed uses for the \$3 million referenced by VP Dolan and the impacts this cap has on UHF. John Han, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer for UHF, explained that the \$3 million reference noted above refers to the amount of moneys the university is statutorily allowed to transfer from its Tuition and Fees Special Fund to UHF for the purposes of promoting alumni relations and generating private donations. While this figure is well below the amount of funds UHF believes will allow it to greatly increase philanthropic donations for the university, fundraising efforts can be supplemented with monies from its \$16 million total operating budget which often occurs but is not always ideal.

#### VII. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

#### A. Report from the Committee on Student Success

Committee Chair Laurie Tochiki summarized the subjects addressed and actions taken at the meeting of the Committee on Student Success held at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy on February 15, 2024.

#### B. Report from the Committee on Institutional Success

Committee Chair Gabriel Lee summarized the subjects addressed and actions taken at the meeting of the Committee on Institutional Success held at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy on February 15, 2024.

#### C. Report from the Committee on Governance

Committee Chair Laurel Loo summarized the subjects addressed and actions taken at the meeting of the Committee on Governance held at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy on February 15, 2024.

#### VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

#### A. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Provisional Status for the Bachelor of Arts in Education at UHH
- 2. Approval of Authorizing the University of Hawai'i to Enter into a Sixth Amendment to the Ground Lease with the Adult Student Housing Hawai'i, Inc. for the Hale Kāwili Apartments at UHH

- 3. Approval of an Indemnification Provision in a Contract Issued by the American Library Association ("ALA")
- 4. Approval of Legislative Options to Address Legislative Issues and Measures

Given the Committee on Governance's deferral of Agenda Item VIII.A.4 for further consideration at today's board meeting, Chair Nahale-a announced the removal of this item from the Consent Agenda.

Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of agenda item VIII.A.4, as noted, seconded by Regent Higaki, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

B. Report on Senate Committee on Higher Education Informational Briefing of January 18, 2024, by Regents Abercrombie, Akitake, Lee, Tochiki, and Wilson, as required by Section 92-2.5(e), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Regent Abercrombie noted his participation in an informational briefing held on January 18, 2024, by the Senate Committee on Higher Education and provided a summary of the discussions on Hawai'i's Open Meetings Law, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, as it relates to the university and the board that occurred at this meeting.

Vice-Chair Wilson, Regent Akitake, Regent Lee, and Regent Tochiki announced their participation in the same briefing noted by Regent Abercrombie and concurred with his summary of the meeting.

#### C. Update on Mānoa Student Housing

David Akana, Interim Director of Student Housing at UHM, briefed regents on the progress of several initiatives designed to elevate the overall student living experience at UHM since the board's January 18, 2024, meeting including the installation of water filling stations in every residential facility on the UHM campus managed by Student Housing Services (SHS) and the commencement of coordination efforts for work to be performed over the summer at the four Hale Aloha towers including common area renovations. He also spoke about a plan to increase the freshman bed count by more than 300 beds for the 2024-2025 Academic Year (AY) which equates to a roughly 26.5 percent increase over AY 2023-2024 levels and is consistent with the increases in freshman headcount enrollment being experienced since 2018.

Chair Nahale-a offered his comments on, and support of, the efforts being made by SHS at UHM and the University Housing Program at UHH to address student housing facility issues through a more holistic manner and build upon the concept of improving the overall living experience for students residing on campus.

Regent Abercrombie asked about the status of aesthetic and practical improvements to residence halls, such as interior painting and landscaping. Interim Director Akana replied that SHS is in the process of assessing the aesthetic components of UHM's

residence halls in order to establish a better vision for interior and exterior student housing improvement projects. Given this response, Regent Abercrombie requested Interim Director Akana to include updates on this issue in the administration's monthly updates on this issue.

Regent Akitake inquired as to whether the administration was still on track to provide the board with a report on KMH LLP's comprehensive study of room rates and its generation of a financial model for the operation and maintenance of UHM's residence halls in June. VP Gouveia responded that the aforementioned financial model is still scheduled to be completed in June and will be used as a resource by the administration to develop room rate scenarios based upon forecasts regarding the short-, mid-, and long-term fiscal requirements to meet UHM's student housing needs. In light of this information, Regent Akitake asked for the date of the scheduled board meeting at which the KMH LLC report could be reviewed and discussed. Chair Nahale-a and Board Secretary Lau replied that, should the KMH LLC report be submitted to the administration in June, a review of, and discussion on, its contents could take place at the board meeting scheduled in July.

#### D. Legislative Update

VP Young highlighted a number of measures and priority issues that the university is following at the Legislature this year including the university's legislative package bills, as well as items of interest involving the administration and board, stating that the administration is actively tracking 616 of the approximately 2,678 measures introduced this legislative session. He briefly went over legislation regarding, among other things, the university's operating and capital improvement budgets; the Hawai'i Promise Program; resident tuition fees; innovation and commercialization; public agency and open-meetings requirements as they relate to the board; changes to the board's composition; K-12 teaching programs and educational access; university facilities, such as student housing; the ability to issue revenue bonds; tuition waivers and scholarships; university procurement; healthcare; collective bargaining; personnel issues; the development of a stadium on the UHM campus; Maunakea; the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i; and response, recovery, mitigation, and future planning issues regarding the Maui wildfires and wildfires in general. VP Young also reviewed the legislative calendar and timetable for the remainder of the session and pointed out the recent transmittal of governor's messages to the Legislature regarding the appointments of Chair Nahale-a, Regent Abercrombie, and Regent Akitake.

Regent Abercrombie asked about the status of Senate Bill (S.B.) Number 3307 (S.B. 3307) which deals with the selection and appointment of trusted public representatives to observe and report to the Office of Information Practices on board meetings closed to the public. VP Young replied that S.B. 3307 was passed with amendments. Regent Abercrombie expressed his dismay about the introduction of this measure.

Brief discussions took place between Regent Abercrombie and VP Young on the intent and status of various Sunshine Law bills relating to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, in addition to State boards and commissions in general.

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Regent Abercrombie requested a summary of H.B. 2664 which related to sports facilities and appeared to involve the New Aloha Stadium Development Project. VP Young explained that H.B. 2664, in essence, lapses appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa and re-appropriates said funds to plan, design, and construct a new stadium on the UHM campus. In addition, the measure would change the name of the Stadium Authority to the Halawa Redevelopment Authority (HRA), amend the powers and duties of HRA, and rename the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District.

Regent Akitake asked if House Bill (H.B.) Number 1859 (H.B. 1859) and its companion measure S.B. 2199 were related to the holding of board retreats and inquired whether the administration has taken a position on these bills. VP Young replied that H.B. 1859 and S.B. 2199 seek to authorize any board subject to Hawai'i's Sunshine Law to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of providing training to new and current board members. The administration has not taken a position on these measures at this time, although it was noted that H.B. 1859 has not been scheduled for a hearing and S.B. 2199 was deferred.

Referencing S.B. 3366, Regent Akitake asked if it was common for this type of legislation to be introduced and whether the administration has submitted testimony on this matter. VP Young replied that, while bills proposing to increase or decrease the number of positions on the board have been introduced in the past, he did not personally recall any past instances in which legislation was put forth to include exofficio members on the board. Additionally, he stated the administration did not submit testimony on S.B. 3366 since no hearing was scheduled for this measure.

Citing Regents Policy requiring board approval of salaries above a certain threshold, Regent Paloma sought clarification on the implications of H.B. 2211 and S.B. 2599. VP Young briefly went over mechanical aspects used by the Legislature to construct the State's budget including the submission of salary schedule tables by all State departments containing the pay ranges for every general-funded position under their purview. These measures would prohibit boards or commissions, including the Board of Regents, from authorizing salaries above what was contained within the noted salary schedule tables without legislative approval.

A conversation took place between Chair Nahale-a and VP Young about the regent confirmation process, the consequences of a regent currently awaiting confirmation failing to receive State Senate approval, and the process that would transpire should such an event occur. Chair Nahale-a requested VP Okinaga and Board Secretary Lau to review the board's bylaws to determine how a vacancy resulting from a regent being denied confirmation would impact board operations and functionality.

Regent Abercrombie announced his receipt of a letter containing a series of questions from Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. As such, his presumption was that a confirmation hearing would be held at some point. He also noted a request he made to Board Secretary Lau to inform Senator Kim of his being absent from the state for a few weeks in April.

#### E. Discussion and Possible Board Action on Pending Legislation

Chair Nahale-a provided the rationale for including this item on the board agenda explaining that statutory open meeting and notification requirements impact the board's ability to quickly respond to matters before the Legislature involving the board, or university governance, and referenced several possible options with respect to the submittal of legislative testimony on a measure, opining that none would afford the full board with the opportunity to weigh in on an issue in a timely manner. He then asked regents to weigh in on this topic.

Regent Higaki and Vice-Chair Wilson shared their thoughts on the board's past dealings with this issue noting regents' inability to reach a consensus on one particular solution. However, Regent Higaki pointed out one option discussed by prior boards involving the pairing-up of regents to meet and speak with individual legislators on issues of import to this body prior to the legislative session seemed to gain some traction. Beyond that, nothing formal was ever put into place during his time as a regent.

Discussions ensued on the possible courses of action for developing or adopting positions on legislative measures as put forth by the Office of Information Practices (OIP); the absence of a fundamental solution for addressing limitations placed on regent communications by the Sunshine Law within OIP's allowable permitted interaction proposals; the capacity of the governor to call meetings with regents to discuss matters outside of an open meeting; challenges faced in achieving consensus on an issue or position; and past practices used by the board to address legislative matters including relying on the university administration to advocate on the board's behalf based upon its expressed positions, although President Lassner voiced his concerns with this option given the guidance received from previous board's about the administration taking a stance on legislation involving the board when the board did not take a formal position on the issue.

Regent Loo advocated for delegating the responsibility for drafting and submitting legislative testimony to board staff as they attend every meeting, are intimately aware of the board's position on issues, and clearly have the capacity to represent the interests of the board. She also pointed out this option's capability to address concerns raised during the meeting of the Committee on Governance about whether a regent was speaking as an individual or on behalf of the board when communicating with the public.

Although Regent Akitake concurred with Regent Loo's proposal, she also supported the notion of having pairs of regents meet with individual legislators prior to the Legislature's convening so as to develop better relationships and improve upon the board's general engagement with these elected officials and this governing body.

Conversations took place on the advantages, disadvantages, nuances, intricacies, and challenges with respect to Regent Akitake's suggestion.

Regent Higaki suggested formalizing the board's approach to addressing legislative matters inclusive of Regent Loo and Regent Akitake's proposals, as well as having meetings with the governor, and made a motion to this effect.

Deliberations ensued on Regent Higaki's motion and involved discussions on, among other things, the roles and responsibilities of a regent or regents designated to serve as, essentially, liaisons to the Legislature; the impacts of the Sunshine Law on this practice given the potential for serial communications between regents; the notion of dealing with legislative matters as a collective body; the concept and meaning of formal relationships with individual legislators; the importance of engaging with the Legislature; the potential this plan affords for regent participation in the legislative process; and the role of board staff in carrying out this proposal, including the submittal of testimony.

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m.

Chair Nahale-a called the meeting back to order at 12:30 p.m. but proposed recessing this meeting in order to convene the Special Board Meeting since a number of individuals, including some who have flown in for the meeting, were waiting to testify and present on items included on that agenda.

Regent Loo moved to recess this meeting until the conclusion of the Special Board Meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Chair Nahale-a called the meeting back to order at 2:01 p.m. and stated that, due to time constraints, further discussions on Agenda Item VIII.E. would need to take place at another meeting. As such, he requested a motion to that effect.

Regent Akitake moved to recess the meeting until such time another meeting could be appropriately scheduled. Vice-Chair Wilson seconded the motion and with all members present voting in the affirmative the meeting was recessed at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Lau Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

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#### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

#### **MARCH 7, 2024**

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

#### Meeting Video

**NOTE:** This meeting is a continuation of the February 16, 2024, regular board meeting which took place at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Information for **all items on this agenda, with the exception of Agenda Item VIII.E (in part)**, can be found here *Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Meeting of the Board*.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Gabriel Lee called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (10): Acting Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chair Ernest Wilson; Regent Neil Abercrombie; Regent Lauren Akitake; Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Abigail Mawae; Regent Diane Paloma; and Regent Laurie Tochiki.

Excused (1): Board vacancy due to the resignation of Chair Alapaki Nahale-a.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; UH-Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH-West Oʻahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

Acting Chair Lee announced that this meeting was a continuation of the February 16, 2024, regular board meeting which took place at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. As all of the items on the February board meeting agenda were previously discussed and disposed of, with the exception of Agenda Item VIII.E, this meeting will carry on with discussions and possible board action on pending legislation.

(For items II, III, IV.A., IV.B., V, VI, VII.A., VII.B., VII.C., VIII.A., VIII.B., VIII.C., and VIII.E., please see the Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Meeting of the Board.)

#### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2024 MEETING

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
- A. President's Award for Excellence in Building and Ground Maintenance
- B. UHH and HawCC Regional Presentation
  - V. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I ALL CAMPUS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE CHAIRS (ACCESC)
    - VI. REPORT OF UHF
    - VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Report from the Committee on Student Success
- B. Report from the Committee on Institutional Success
- C. Report from the Committee on Governance

#### VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Approval of Provisional Status for the Bachelor of Arts in Education at UHH
  - 2. Approval of Authorizing the University of Hawai'i to Enter into a Sixth Amendment to the Ground Lease with the Adult Student Housing Hawai'i, Inc. for the Hale Kāwili Apartments at UHH
  - 3. Approval of an Indemnification Provision in a Contract Issued by the American Library Association ("ALA")
  - 4. Approval of Legislative Options to Address Legislative Issues and Measures
- B. Report on Senate Committee on Higher Education Informational Briefing of January 18, 2024, by Regents Abercrombie, Akitake, Lee, Tochiki, and Wilson, as required by Section 92-2.5(e), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.
- C. Update on Mānoa Student Housing
- D. Legislative Update
- E. Discussion and Possible Board Action on Pending Legislation

Prior to continuing board deliberations on this agenda item which began at the February 16, 2024, regular board meeting, Acting Chair Lee acknowledged the service

and dedication of former Chair Alapaki Nahale-a, who resigned after failing to be confirmed for a second term as a regent.

Numerous regents recognized former Chair Alapaki Nahale-a for his service and commitment to the University of Hawaii and noted he will be missed. Many applauded his steadfast leadership of the board; willingness to listen to opposing viewpoints; mentorship of new regents; courage in the face of adversity; efforts to effectuate change in the way the board and administration operate so as to provide the most benefit to the university as an institution; and humility and aloha, not only as Chair but as an individual. Several regents also expressed their disappointment in the vote not to confirm former Chair Nahale-a for a second term as a regent stating they were disheartened and discouraged by the Senate's actions, which in their opinion, will be disruptive to the board's work; the criticism levied against former Chair Nahale-a, despite all regents being a party to many of the issues for which he was being criticized; legislators' lack of recognition with respect to the work former Chair Nahale-a accomplished and was trying to achieve while serving as Chair; the pettiness exhibited in the confirmation process; incorrect and inaccurate statements made by individual Senators; and the apparent continued deterioration in the relationship between the board, the university, and the State Senate. Even with these concerns, regents vowed to press on with the work of the board in the same spirit exhibited by former Chair Alapaki Nahale-a.

VP Young provided a status update on the list of measures noted on the meeting agenda stating that the majority of these items failed to meet requisite legislative deadlines and are therefore no longer active. He also brought to regents' attention two measures of vital interest to the university still moving through the legislative process – House Bill No. 2499, House Draft 2 (H.B. 2499, H.D. 2) Relating to Procurement for the University of Hawai'i, and H.B. 2504, H.D. 2, Relating to Cigarette Taxes, both of which were briefly discussed during the immediately preceding Committee on Institutional Success meeting.

Regents engaged in extensive conversations on possible courses of action the board could exercise when addressing legislation or other legislative matters including allowing VP Young and the university's Office of Government Relations (OGR) to take the lead on issues of interest to the university, selecting regents to work with OGR staff, as appropriate, to engage with members of the Legislature on matters of importance to the board, and assigning specific legislative measures to the board committee with jurisdictional oversight of the item's subject matter and authorizing the chair of the respective committee to provide testimony on the issue on behalf of the board. They also discussed the degree to which regents want to become involved in the legislative process; the establishment of a methodology by which the board could determine its position on a legislative measure; the need for the board to clearly express its stance on specific legislation if such a position is taken; and reiterated questions raised in the past about whether a regent was speaking on behalf of the board or as an individual when testifying or discussing an issue with individual legislators.

Board Secretary Lau put forth a proposal for the board to adopt broad, general statements with respect to its stance on an issue and allow board staff or a board designee to draft testimony within the confines of the adopted position.

Deliberations ensued on Board Secretary Lau's proposal with some regents expressing their unease with placing staff, university employees, members of the administration, or an individual regent in a position to speak on behalf of the board should questions arise from legislators. Additionally, Regent Abercrombie remarked that legislators' expectations for greater in-person participation by regents in the legislative process were made clear at the confirmation hearings recently held by the State Senate.

Regent Akitake asked if regents could be surveyed about their position on legislation and testimony submitted based upon the responses should consensus be reached on an issue. Board Secretary Lau replied that conducting surveys of regents on specific legislation would be operationally problematic given the speed at which action is taken at the Legislature.

Taking into consideration all of the previous conversations, Acting Chair Lee opined that the board should continue to address legislative matters through the method presently in use and consider making changes to this process as suggested by regents prior to the next legislative session. He then asked if there were any particular bills regents wanted to weigh-in on.

Citing the importance of H.B. 2499, H.D. 2 to the university, Regent Abercrombie moved that the board express its support for this measure and further engage with the legislature on this matter as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Regent Akitake, and noting the abstention of Regent Mawae, the motion carried with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

Vice-Chair Wilson asked whether a similar position should be taken on H.B. 2504, H.D. 2, since the two-cent increase in the cigarette tax was a critical component of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center's fiscal plan to maintain its viability. Acting Chair Lee stated that, due to the numerous facets applicable to this bill, he believed it would not be necessary to take action on this measure.

#### IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chair Lee announced that the next board meeting was scheduled for March 21, 2024, at UHM.

#### **DRAFT**

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Lau Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

# Item IV.

# Report of the President A-B

# NO MATERIALS ORAL REPORT

# Item IV.C.

Honolulu Community College and Kapi'olani Community College Regional Presentation

# **MATERIALS**



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## BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING





## Demographics snapshot

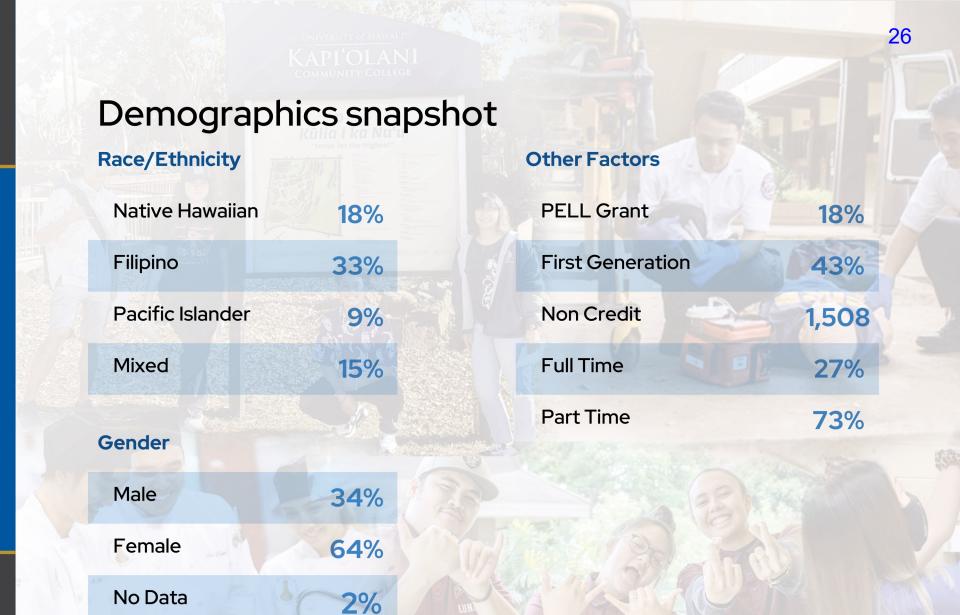
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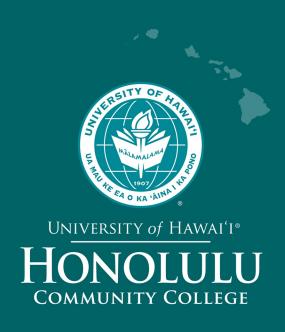
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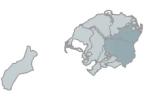






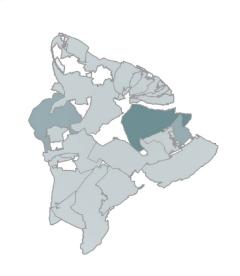


#### Where Honolulu CC students are from



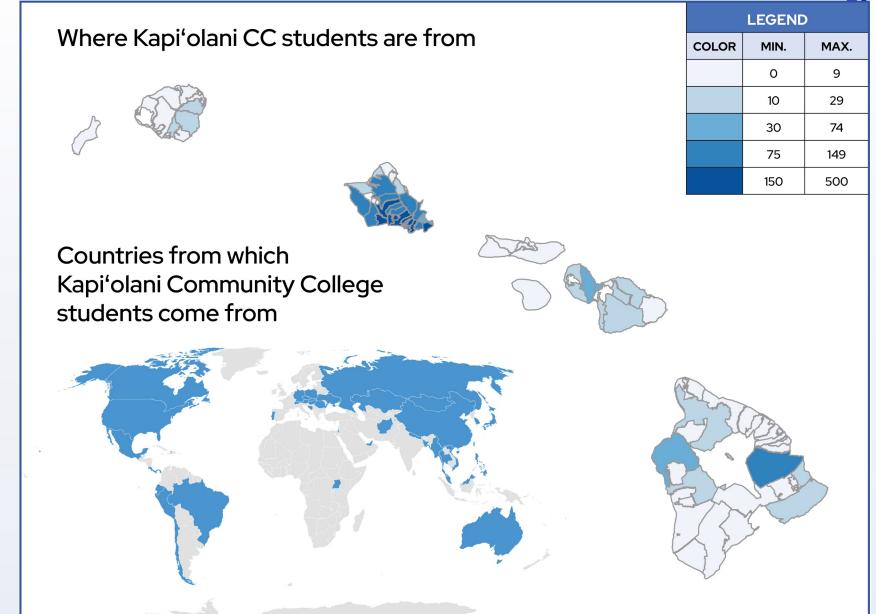
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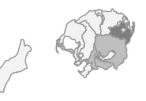
# KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE







### Where Honolulu CC and Kapi'olani CC students are from







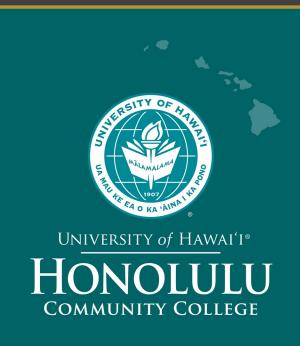
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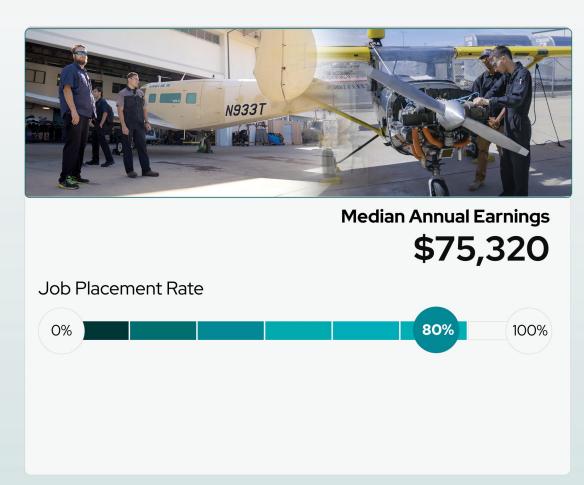
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## Aeronautics Maintenance Technology





AS /

Associate in Science



Certificate of Achievement

Avg. Enrollment\*

88

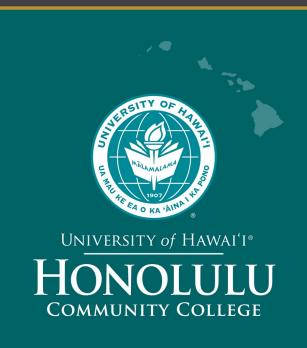
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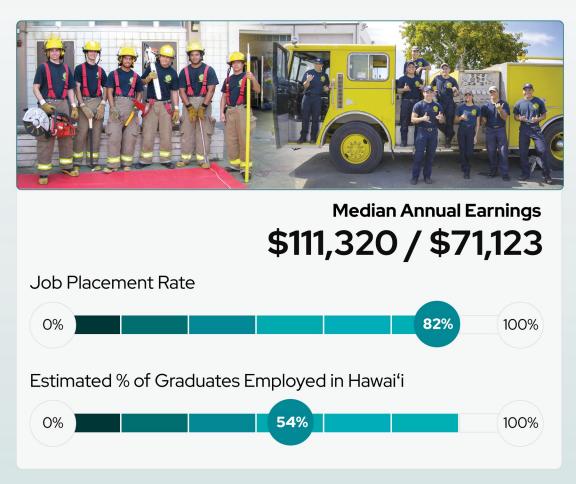
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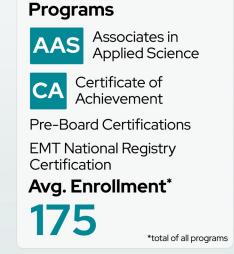
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## Fire & Environmental Emergency Response





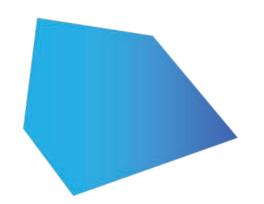
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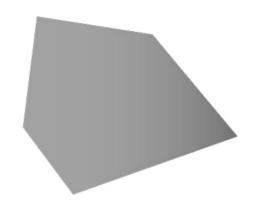
# KAPI'OLANI CC HEALTH PROGRAMS



Supporting healthcare industry through diverse programs





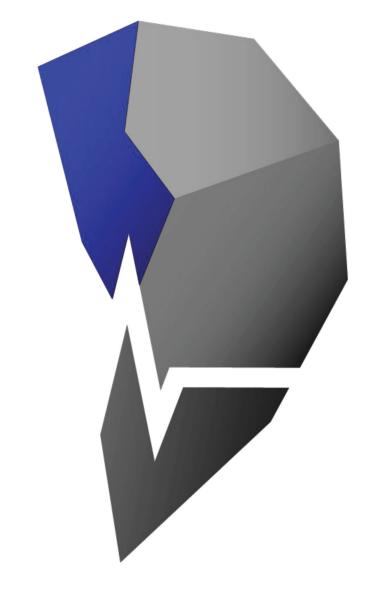








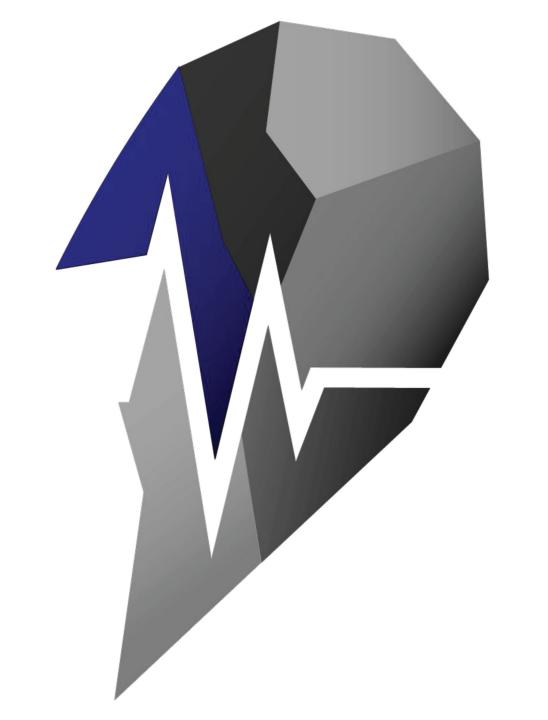








































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AS in Nursing

Avg. Enrollment\*

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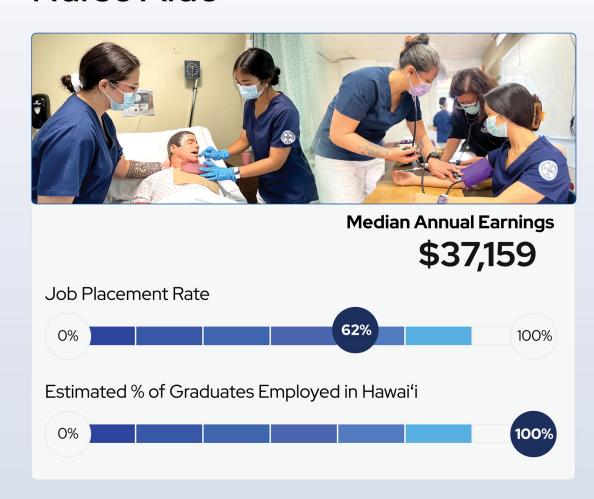
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## **Nurse Aide**



## **Programs**



Certificate in Long Term Care Nurse Aide



Non-credit Certified Nurse Aide

Avg. Enrollment\*

39

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Avg. Annual Job Openings

896

2023-33 Job Opening Change

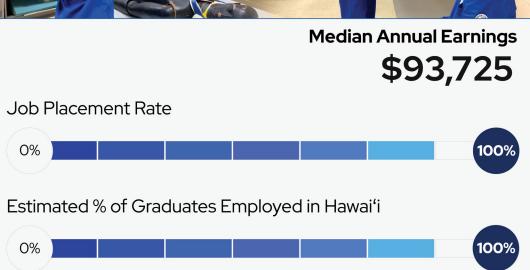
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## Radiologic Technologist





### **Programs**



Avg. Enrollment\*

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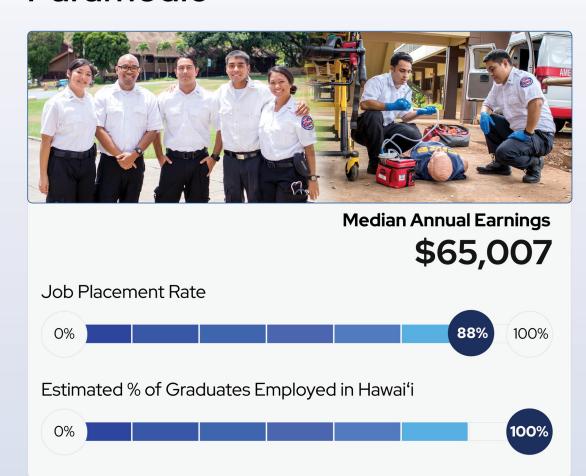
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Avg. Annual Job Openings
65
2023-33 Job Opening Change
16%





## Paramedic



#### **Programs**

AS

AS in Mobile Intensive Care Technician

С

Cert of Achievement, in Mobile Intensive Care Technicianl

Avg. Enrollment\*

22

\*total of all programs

Avg. Annual Job Openings

42

2023-33 Job Opening Change

**17**%





FEATURED HONOLULU CC STUDENT

## KAMYL ANTHONY

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technology Program





# BRADLEY PADAMA-KINERE

Registered Nurse Program





# UH STUDENT CAUCUS 2024 REPORT to the UH Board of Regents April 18, 2024

Bronson Azama, Chair, UH Student Caucus



## University of Hawaiʻi **Student Caucus**

## Caucus Achievements:

- Full Executive Council (first time since pre-COVID)
  - o Chair
  - Vice-Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Executive-at-Large Oahu
  - Executive-at-Large Neighbor Islands
- All campuses represented (first time since pre-COVID)
- Primary in-person meetings (lead by example)













COMMUNITY COLLEGE











## Members:

#### **UH Hilo**

Chelbi Sirach Espiritu Russell-Jearuss Ronolo

## UH Mānoa, Associated Students of the University of Hawaiʻi

Bronson Azama Jaxyn Cable-Treadwell

## **UH Mānoa, Graduate Student Organization**

Alexander Tang Willem Hoogendam

### **UH West O'ahu**

Lindsey Millerd Sydney Whitley

#### Hawai'i CC

Natalie Alvarado Percival Best

#### **Honolulu CC**

Ronald Sturges Mele Custodia-Nahinu

## Kapi'olani CC

Ratana Kim Maria Schmitz

#### Kaua'i CC

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Logan Domingo

## **UH Maui College**

Jenelyn Santos Daniel Valente

#### **Windward CC**

Albert Acopan Lia Baptiste

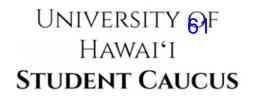
## Action Agenda:

- Policy, Growth, and Implementation of Strategic Plan
- Student Life & Development
- Future of Policies

## Student Representatives to UH System committees

- Distance Learning Advisory Committee (DLAC)
- University Council on Articulation (UCA)
  - 1 two-year representative, 1 four-year representative
- Artificial Intelligence Strategy Council
  - o 1 undergraduate representative, 1 graduate representative





## Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

2024

## HB 2720/SB 3317 - Graduate Student Unionization

UHSC LAC Provided testimony to the House and Senate UHSC Voted to unanimously support unionization UHSC LAC Worked with Academic Labor United (ALU)

## HB 1779 - Summer Tuition Pilot Program

Kapi'olani Community College introduced bill to House
UHSC Voted to Unanimously Support
UHSC LAC Worked with Kapi'olani Community College to testify in the House

HB 1535 - Hawai'i Promise

HB 2177 - Menstrual Equity

SB 2055 - Three-year summer tuition pilot program

## **BOR Testimony - Presidential Search**

Provided Testimony regarding Presidential Search Advisory Group

Provided Testimony regarding Presidential Search timeline and process



## **Meetings with UH Leadership**

Vice Presidents Debora Halbert and Erika Lacro Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Honolulu Community College

- General Education
- Summer tuition for the UH Community Colleges
- Menstrual Equity implementation
- Return to in-person classes
  - Will be meeting with the Council of Chief Academic Officers on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

President David Lassner Saturday, April 20, 2024

## Mahalo!

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uhcaucus@hawaii.edu

Website:

https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/student-affairs/student-caucus/

#### Independent Audit Committee Report Summary of April 4, 2024 Meeting

#### Agenda Items

## A. Review and Acceptance of the University of Hawai'i Systemwide Financial Reserves Status of Corrective Actions Report

Glenn Shizumura, Director of the Office of Internal Audit (OIA), reported on the status of corrective actions taken by the administration to address improvement opportunities and mitigate risks documented in a report dated March 9, 2023, titled "University of Hawai'i Financial Reserves Review". He reviewed several of the objectives of the initial audit, as well as recommended corrective actions contained within the report, and noted that the administration has implemented all of the suggested corrective actions to the satisfaction of OIA.

**Action:** The committee voted to accept the report.

## B. Review and Acceptance of the Waikiki Aquarium Status of Corrective Actions Report

Internal Auditor Shizumura briefly recounted previous presentations made to the committee regarding the status of corrective actions to address improvement opportunities and mitigate risks documented in a report dated January 29, 2021, entitled "University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Review of the Waikīkī Aquarium". Although follow-up audits confirmed the implementation of corrective actions to address ten of the 15 risks and challenges identified in the initial audit, the remainder were either not yet implemented or were in process of resolution.

Extensive discussions took place on the unresolved corrective actions particularly with regard to the luau concession contract, and the inability for the Aquarium and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) to fully address all of the audits findings and recommendations by the deadline of December 22, 2023, that Provost Bruno committed to in September of last year.

**Action:** The committee voted to accept the report.

#### C. Review and Acceptance of the UHM Student Housing Report

Internal Auditor Shizumura presented a report on OIA's audit of UHM student housing which he stated was a project added to the FY 2023-2024 Work Plan in October 2023. He spoke about the objectives of the review; described the work performed by OIA; and summarized OIA's findings and recommendations. He also noted efforts already undertaken by the administration to remediate some of the audit's observations.

**Action:** The committee voted to accept the report.

#### D. Enterprise Risk Management Report

Darren Suzuki, Director of the Office of Risk Management, provided background information on the ERM Report and the development of a risk heat map that identifies the top risk categories for the university and serves as an effective tool in

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managing the university's risk exposure. He spoke about the processes used to develop the heat map and stated a more formal ERM report is expected to be ready for presentation to the board in August.

#### E. Discussion on Audit Topics for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

Chair Akitake went over a list of topics regents felt were worthy of consideration for addition to the FY 2024-2025 Audit Work plan (Work Plan). She also suggested a process for addressing whether it was suitable to place these topics on the Work Plan, including the holding of briefings on each item at future Internal Audit Committee meetings.

#### F. Audit Project Status Update

Internal Auditor Shizumura provided a status update on the projects and audits outlined in the Audit Work Plan and presented a chart indicating new and ongoing carry-over projects as well as their current status.

#### G. Whistleblower Report

Internal Auditor Shizumura provided an overview of the whistleblower summary and tracking reports and reviewed some of the specific information contained within these reports noting that incidents involving employment or human resources-related issues constituted the majority of whistleblower cases for the current reporting period.

#### Institutional Success Committee Report Summary of the April 4, 2024 Meeting

#### Agenda Items:

## A. Recommendation to Approve Amendments to Board of Regents Policy (RP) 5.211 Admissions

Debora Halbert, Vice President for Academic Strategy, reviewed and discussed the proposed modifications to RP 5.211 which establishes the authority of the President of the University to create campus ceilings for non-resident undergraduate enrollment. While these ceilings were designed during a period when the environment for admission of qualified undergraduate students required restrictions on non-resident enrollment in order to prioritize Hawai'i residents for the limited capacity available on some university campuses, changes in enrollment trends and enrollment management strategies have occurred over the last two decades such that this type of restriction is no longer necessary. Accordingly, the administration was seeking board approval of the noted amendments to RP 5.211. However, it was pointed out that these changes are currently in the formal consultation process. Based upon comments received thus far, minor, technical amendments have been made to the RP and is reflected in the redline version provided to the committee in the materials packet.

**Action:** The Committee recommended board approval of revisions to RP5.211.

#### Student Success Committee Report Summary of April 4, 2024 Meeting

#### Agenda Items:

#### A. General Education (Gen Ed) Update

Debora Halbert, Vice President for Academic Strategy Debora provided a brief history on the administration's efforts to examine and revamp the Gen Ed curriculum and discussed a few of the redesign plans objectives. She also, among other things, reviewed some of the processes used to formulate the initial Gen Ed curriculum redesign plan, as well as revisions to this proposal; went over a timeline of activities that have occurred on this matter since its inception to the present; spoke about the extensive amount of engagement with faculty on this issue; noted the solicitation of input and feedback on the redesign plan via town halls and surveys; elaborated on proposals to revise Regents Policy 5.213, which relates to the university's Gen Ed requirements; and pointed out some of the next steps regarding policy and curricular revisions.

Extensive conversations took place on the Gen Ed proposal in relation to concerns raised in testimony received by the committee with several regents expressing a desire to continue discussions on this matter sometime in the fall to allow the opportunity for general consensus to be reached on the remaining points of contention about the proposal.

#### B. Update on the Status of Women's Track and Field Concerns

UHM Athletic Director Craig Angelos reported on the UHM Athletic Department's (UHM Athletics) response to concerns about Wahine Track and Field brought to light in testimony submitted to the board by several of the program's student-athletes. He discussed meetings held with Wahine Track and Field team members and coaches to review the situation and compile a list of items in need of greater attention from UHM Athletics; went over several of the concerns raised by student-athletes; touched upon some of causal factors related to a few of these issues; and reviewed specific actions taken to address the aforementioned concerns to date. He also spoke about the construction of a new track and field/soccer facility at UHM, highlighting the progress being made on, as well as a timeline for, the project.

Robust discussions ensued on several topics including the concerns raised by Wahine Track and Field team members; the efforts of UHM Athletics to respond to and address these concerns; team budgeting processes; the need for greater communication with student-athletes; and the equitable treatment of men's and women's sports.

## 2024 University of Hawai'i Legislative Update

For Presentation

UH Board of Regents April 18, 2024

# 2024 Legislative Session

- 2024 Budget Bill
- 2024 UH Legislative Package (Admin Bills)
- 2024 Select Bills of Interest
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# 2024 Budget Bill

# HB 1800 HD1 SD1 (Saiki) RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/2024. (SD1)

Position: Support

Update: House disagrees with Senate amendments

# 2024 Budget - Operating

		Во	arc	d Request	Gove	err	nor Request	House				nate	
Campus	Description	FTE		\$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration - UH Mānoa		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration - JABSOM		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration - UH Hilo		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000
West Oʻahu	General Fund Restoration - UHWO		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration - UH System		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy - UH Mānoa		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy - UH Hilo		\$	400,000		\$	400,000		\$	400,000		\$	400,000
	Culinary Institute of the Pacific - Full		\$	389,245									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Year Funding		Ą	303,243									
	Value Added Product Center - Full Year		\$	359,932									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Funding		Ą	339,332									
	Expand Teacher Cohort on Neighbor	7.00	ç	625,000									
Mānoa	Islands	7.00	Ą	023,000									
Mānoa	CTAHR Extension Agents	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555
System Admin	Increased campus safety	4.00	\$	1,000,000	m	ove	ed to TFSF	m	ov	ed to TFSF	moved to TFSF		d to TFSF
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Mānoa		\$	12,506,711					\$	12,506,711			
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Hilo		\$	1,773,579					\$	1,773,579			
West Oʻahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UHWO		\$	4,026,116					\$	4,026,116			
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation - UHCCs		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000
	Community-based Planning for	2.00	\$	500,000									
Community Colleges	Redevelopment of Lahaina	2.00	Ş	300,000									
	Nursing Enrollment and Access thru	6 50	ç	1 060 021	6 50	ç	1,068,821	6 50	ç	1 060 021	6.50	ç	537,546
Mānoa	UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration	0.50	Ş	1,000,021	0.50	Ş	1,000,021	0.50	Ş	1,000,021	0.50	Ą	557,540
	Neighbor Island Health Access &	4.00	ç	925,000	4.00	۲	025 000	4.00	۲	025 000	4.00	۲	025 000
JABSOM	Pathway Extension	4.00	Ş	925,000	4.00	Ş	925,000	4.00	Ş	925,000	4.00	Ş	925,000

Appropriations in RED are non-recurring



# 2024 Budget – Operating

				Governor Request				ouse		Se	nate		
Campus	Description	FTE		\$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000
West Oʻahu	Pre-Nursing Support	3.00	\$	322,032	3.00	\$	322,032	3.00	\$	322,032			
West Oʻahu	Early Childhood Education Support	2.00	\$	180,910	2.00	\$	180,910						
Hilo	BS Educational Studies & Expand Indigenous Teaching	4.00	\$	285,000	4.00	\$	285,000				4.00	\$	142,500
Community Colleges	Maui - Apprenticeship Training Expansion	-	\$	250,000									
Community Colleges	LeeCC - Modernize Equipment	-	\$	925,000									
System Admin	Systemwide Mental Health Services	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	255,000
Mānoa	Community Event Support	6.00	\$	709,000									
West Oʻahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services Support	4.00	\$	252,648									
West Oʻahu	Campus Safety	1.00	\$	61,800									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Maui - Water Quality Lab	2.00	\$	160,000									
Mānoa	Stabilize UH Mānoa Athletics Operating Budget	43.00	\$	3,136,642									
Mānoa	Cooperative Extension Support	5.00	\$	581,555									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	WinCC - Incarcerated Students Program	3.00	\$	250,528	3.00	\$	250,528	3.00	\$	250,528			
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Statewide Access Master Plan											\$ 2	2,874,177
Total		110.5	\$ !	56,342,922	36.50	\$ 2	29,085,694	30.50	\$ 4	46,926,190	28.50	\$ 3	30,277,62

# 2024 Budget - CIP

Campus	Description	В	Board Request	House Draft	Senate Draft
System/Mānoa	System, RIM Projects	\$	110,000,000	\$ 125,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Mānoa	RIM Projects for Student Housing	\$	40,000,000		
Mānoa	Hale Noelani Renovation	\$	80,000,000		\$ 63,517,000
	PV Rooftop, PV Canopies, and Various Energy Efficiency				
Mānoa	Projects	\$	30,000,000		
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Upgrades	\$	9,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 9,000,000
Mānoa	Coconut Island Sewer Line Upgrades	\$	3,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$	8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	
Mānoa	Assessment and Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$	6,500,000		
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan, Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	
Mānoa	Central Administration Facility with Parking	\$	8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repairs	\$	3,000,000		
JABSOM	JABSOM Roof Replacement	\$	6,500,000	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 6,250,000
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$	7,300,000	\$ 16,200,000	\$ 16,200,000
UHWO	RIM Projects	\$	5,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
UHWO	Road B Entry Plaza	\$	5,200,000		
UHWO	PV Carport	\$	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	
Community Colleges	Major R&M			\$ 10,000,000	
Community Colleges	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance			\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
Community Colleges	Palamanui - Improvements and Repair of Buildings			\$ 2,000,000	
	Palamanui - Expansion of Nursing and Early Childhood Ed				
Community Colleges	Labs			\$ 500,000	
System	CTAHR - Poamoho Research Station			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,500,000
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium - Edge of the Reef Exhibit				\$ 3,000,000
System	Value-Added Product Development Center, Moloka'i				\$ 2,500,000
Total		\$	331,500,000	\$ 223,450,000	\$ 153,967,000

The House and Senate both reduced \$101.2M in currently appropriated General Fund CIP: \$30.0M for Mānoa RIM, \$5.0 M for Coconut Island Sewer, \$16.2M for Hilo RIM, \$25.0M for CCs CRDM, and \$25.0M for CCs Minor CIP.

Projects in RED are funded via General Funds and not GO bonds.

The Senate also included \$20.0M for RIM projects for Student Housing from Revenue Bonds.

UH does not currently have authorization to issue revenue bonds.

## **PROCUREMENT**

**HB 2499 HD2 SD2** (Saiki)

### RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Designates the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii as the University of Hawaii's chief procurement officer. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 6/29/3000. (SD2)

Position: Support original version

Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

## **CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND**

**HB 2500 HD1 SD1** (Saiki)

### RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND.

Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and authorizes the University of Hawaii to establish accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii System. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Lapses funds to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Position: Support

Update: Failed to meet legislative deadline



## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**HB 2501 HD1 SD2** (Saiki)

## RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Repeals the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawaii students. (SD2)

Position: Support

Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

## **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

**SB 3191 SD1 HD2** (Kouchi)

## RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Permanently authorizes the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Position: Support

Update: Senate disagrees with House amendments



## **INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION**

**SB 3192 SD1 HD1** (Kouchi)

#### RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH

Makes permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii. Takes effect 6/29/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Senate disagrees with House amendments

## **CIGARETTE TAX**

**HB 2504 HD2 SD2** (Saiki)

#### **RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES**

Beginning 7/1/2024, expands the cigarette tax levied upon a wholesaler or dealer under section 245-3, HRS, to electronic smoking devices and e-liquids. Requires 1.0 cent per cigarette, electronic smoking device, and e-liquid, but not more than \$500,000 per fiscal year, to be deposited into the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund. Clarifies that tax revenues deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund shall not be used for early clinical trials. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

Position: Support original version

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Board of Regents

# HB 1597 HD1 SD1 (Tarnas)

### **RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS**

Clarifies that members of the public may sue a board or alleged board after receiving an adverse Office of Information Practices decision, and that the decision will be reviewed de novo. Establishes a two-year statute of limitations to bring the lawsuit and reaffirms a complainant's right to seek review by the Office of Information Practices first. Recognizes that only a member of the public may recover attorney's fees and costs if that person prevails in an open meetings lawsuit. Requires that persons suing for open meetings law violations notify the Office of Information Practices about the lawsuit so that it may decide whether to intervene. Requires open meetings lawsuits that seek to void a board's final action to be prioritized by the courts. (SD1)

Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

## **HB 1598 HD1 SD2** (Tarnas)

## **RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW**

Requires boards to make available for public inspection board packets, if created, at the time the board packet is distributed to board members but no later than two business days before the board meeting. Provides that public testimony may be distributed to board members before the board meeting. Requires boards to include in the notice to persons requesting notification of meetings, a list of the documents that were compiled by the board and distributed to board members before a board meeting for use at the meeting. Requires boards to post board packets on its website. (SD2)

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Board of Regents

# HB 1599 HD1 SD2 (Tarnas) RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW

Requires public meeting notices to inform members of the public how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants. Recognizes a board's authority to remove and block individuals who disrupt meetings. Takes effect 1/1/2025. (SD2)

Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

# **HB 1600 HD1 SD2** (Tarnas) **RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS**

Requires boards to schedule a meeting for deliberation and decision-making on a report by an investigative group at least six business days after the board meeting in which the investigative group presented the findings and recommendations of its investigation to the board. (SD2)

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest **Board of Regents**

## **HB 2482 HD1 SD2** (Saiki) **RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES**

Repeals the requirement for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and county clerk's offices to timely post paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices filed by boards in a central location in a public building, and instead, requires the offices to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of the notices. Repeals requirements providing that cancellation of a meeting is not required for failure of a board to file a copy of the meeting notice with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's offices and retain a copy of proof of filing the notice, or failure of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or county clerk's offices to timely post paper or electronic copies of the meeting notice in a central location in a public building. Takes effect on 4/14/2112. (SD2) Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

### **GM 732**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MIYAHIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Update: Referred to Senate HRE



# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Personnel/Students

# HB 2720 HD3 SD1 (Perruso) RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Establishes a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and community college system. Takes effect 7/1/2055. (SD1)

Position: No position

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest RCUH

**SB 1511 SD2 HD2** (Kim)

## RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Clarifies the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii and that its undertakings shall be limited to acts that are reasonably necessary to carry out its purpose. Repeals the requirement that the University of Hawaii contract with the Research Corporation when the University determines that other various agencies cannot more effectively or efficiently accomplish certain research and training activities. Grandfathers existing Research Corporation contracts and requires new contracts be subject to new limitations. Limits the scope of the special account the Research Corporation is authorized to establish. Requires revolving accounts to follow University of Hawaii Administrative Procedure 12.204. Limits internal service orders and revolving accounts of the Research Corporation that use University intramural funds to certain projects and requires biannual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Position: Comments

Update: Passed Third Reading in House; transmitted to Senate

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Wildfire

# HB 2805 HD1 SD1 (Belatti) RELATING TO HEALTH

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

Position: Support

Update: Passed Third Reading in Senate; transmitted to House

## **SB 2284 SD2 HD1** (Dela Cruz)

### RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII

Establishes a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Senate disagrees with House amendments

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Wildfire

SB 2502 SD2 HD1 (Dela Cruz)

# RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Senate disagrees with House amendments

**SB 3068 SD1 HD1** (Kouchi)

#### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position:

Update: Passed Third Reading in House; transmitted to Senate



# 2024 Select Resolutions of Interest

### HCR 125 HD1 (Belatti)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate HHS

### HCR 165 HD1 (Garrett)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HAWAII THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Position: Comments

Update: Referred to Senate LBT

## SCR 184 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Position: Comments

Update: House LGO hearing on 4/11/24 at 9:15am

# 2024 Select Resolutions of Interest

## **HCR 184** (Holt)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate EET

## SCR 172 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Position: Support

Update: House ECD hearing on 4/11/24 at 11:30am

#### HCR 205 (Perruso)

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate HRE

### SCR 143 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND FACULTY HOUSING FACILITY NEEDS AT THE MANOA CAMPUS.

Position: Support

Update: House HET hearing on 4/12/24 at 2:00pm

# **2024 Select Resolutions of Interest**

## SCR 144 (Dela Cruz)

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMIES TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Position:

Update: Referred to House EDN/HET, FIN

## **SCR 148 SD1** (Lee)

URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP ART, BRANDING, AND NARRATIVES FOR AN APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF HAWAII'S UNIQUE COMMUNITIES, LANDMARKS, PARKS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AREAS.

Position: Comments

Update: Referred to House CAI, FIN

### **SCR 202** (Kim)

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH AN ONLINE OPTION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING ADULTS IN ALL COUNTIES.

Position: Support

Update: House HET hearing on 4/12/24 at 2:00pm

# Legislative Calendar

- April 5 Second Decking (Bills)
- April 11 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree
- April 15 Second Lateral (House Concurrent Resos)
- April 19 Second Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos) & Constitutional Amendments
- April 22 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) & Final Decking (Budget Bills)
- April 25 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)
- April 26 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)
- May 3 Adjournment Sine Die

# Conclusion

# **Appropriation Bills**

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB180 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 20232025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/2024. (SD1)		WAM	(S)4/9/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 650).	SAIKI
HB224 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea 88 Grant College Program to develop a North Shore Beach Management and Climate Adaptation Plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo?o (Sharks Cove) area. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)		HRE/WTL/A EN, WAM	(S)4/5/2024-One Day Notice 04-09-24.	QUINLAN
HB261 HD1 SD2	RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF. Establishes a Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to support the local match requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for projects that implement of mitigation measures to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural hazards affecting the State. Appropriates moneys into the Disaster Relief Match Special Fund. Makes appropriations to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Declares that the appropriations exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2042. (SD2)		PSM, WAM	(S)4/9/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 650).	NAKAMURA

# **Appropriation Bills**

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SB2284 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII. Establishes a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		WAL, HET, FIN	(H)4/5/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 489).	DELA CRUZ
SB2362 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$125,000	AGR, FIN	(H)4/4/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 366).	GABBARD
SB2502 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		WAL, HET, FIN	(H)4/5/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 489).	



# **Appropriation Bills**

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB2513 SD2 HD3	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a 3-year new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology demonstration and implementation pilot program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to examine and demonstrate new wastewater and cesspool technology systems; implement those technologies in demonstration projects in areas across the State that are identified as priority level 1 in the 2021 Hawaii Cesspool Hazard Assessment and Prioritization Tool, 2021 Report and Technical Appendices; and establish similar prioritization categories for the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Niihau. Requires the University of Hawaii Water Resource Research Center to submit annual interim reports and a final report to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Makes appropriations. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	\$3,025,468	EEP/WAL, HET, FIN	(H)4/9/2024-Forty- eight (48) hours notice Thursday, 04-11-24.	DELA CRUZ
SB3068 SD1 HD1	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY. Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		FIN	(H)4/5/2024-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1; placed on the calendar for Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Gates, Souza excused (2).	KOUCHI



# 2024 University of Hawai'i Legislative Update

For Presentation

UH Board of Regents April 18, 2024



# 2024 Legislative Session

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# 2024 Budget Bill

# HB 1800 HD1 SD1 (Saiki) RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023–2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/2024. (SD1)

Position: Support

**Update**: Reconvene conference on 4/17/2024 at 1:00pm



# 2024 Budget - Operating

		Во	arc	d Request	Gove	ern	or Request	House			Senate		
Campus	Description	FTE		\$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration - UH Mānoa		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000		\$	5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration - JABSOM		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000		\$	1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration - UH Hilo		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000		\$	3,420,000
West Oʻahu	General Fund Restoration - UHWO		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000		\$	1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration - UH System		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848		\$	5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy - UH Mānoa		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000		\$	3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy - UH Hilo		\$	400,000		\$	400,000		\$	400,000		\$	400,000
	Culinary Institute of the Pacific - Full		\$	389,245									
Community Colleges	Year Funding		Ş	303,243									
	Value Added Product Center - Full Year		Ś	359,932									
Community Colleges	Funding		Ş	339,332									
	Expand Teacher Cohort on Neighbor	7.00	۲	625,000									
Mānoa	Islands	7.00	Ş	625,000									
Mānoa	CTAHR Extension Agents	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555	5.00	\$	506,555
System Admin	Increased campus safety	4.00	\$	1,000,000	mo	οve	ed to TFSF	m	ov	ed to TFSF	m	ove	ed to TFSF
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Mānoa		\$	12,506,711					\$	12,506,711			
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Hilo		\$	1,773,579					\$	1,773,579			
West Oʻahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UHWO		\$	4,026,116					\$	4,026,116			
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation - UHCCs		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000		\$	3,700,000
	Community-based Planning for	2.00	۲	F00 000									
Community Colleges	Redevelopment of Lahaina	2.00	Ş	500,000									
	Nursing Enrollment and Access thru	6 50	۲	1 069 931	6 50	۲	1 060 021	6 50	۲	1 069 931	6 50	۲	F27 F46
Mānoa	UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration	0.50	Ş	1,068,821	0.50	Þ	1,068,821	0.50	Ş	1,008,821	6.50	Ş	537,546
	Neighbor Island Health Access &	4.00	<u>۲</u>	025 000	4.00	۲	025 000	4.00	۲	025 000	4.00	Ļ	025 000
JABSOM	Pathway Extension	4.00	>	925,000	4.00	>	925,000	4.00	>	925,000	4.00	<b>&gt;</b>	925,000

Appropriations in **RED** are non-recurring



# 2024 Budget – Operating

		Board Request		Governor Request				louse	Senate				
Campus	Description	FTE		\$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$	FTE		G \$\$\$
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000	3.00	\$	210,000
West Oʻahu	Pre-Nursing Support	3.00	\$	322,032	3.00	\$	322,032	3.00	\$	322,032			
West Oʻahu	Early Childhood Education Support	2.00	\$	180,910	2.00	\$	180,910						
Hilo	BS Educational Studies & Expand Indigenous Teaching	4.00	\$	285,000	4.00	\$	285,000				4.00	\$	142,500
Community Colleges	Maui - Apprenticeship Training Expansion	-	\$	250,000									
Community Colleges	LeeCC - Modernize Equipment	-	\$	925,000									
System Admin	Systemwide Mental Health Services	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	510,000	6.00	\$	255,000
Mānoa	Community Event Support	6.00	\$	709,000									
West Oʻahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services Support	4.00	\$	252,648									
West Oʻahu	Campus Safety	1.00	\$	61,800									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Maui - Water Quality Lab	2.00	\$	160,000									
Mānoa	Stabilize UH Mānoa Athletics Operating Budget	43.00	\$	3,136,642									
Mānoa	Cooperative Extension Support	5.00	\$	581,555									
<b>Community Colleges</b>	WinCC - Incarcerated Students Program	3.00	\$	250,528	3.00	\$	250,528	3.00	\$	250,528			
Community Colleges	Statewide Access Master Plan											\$ 2	2,874,177
Total		110.5	\$.	56,342,922	36.50	\$ 2	29,085,694	30.50	\$ 4	46,926,190	28.50	\$ 3	30,277,626

# 2024 Budget – CIP

Campus	Description	Е	Board Request	House Draft	S	enate Draft
System/Mānoa	System, RIM Projects	\$	110,000,000	\$ 125,000,000	\$	20,000,000
Mānoa	RIM Projects for Student Housing	\$	40,000,000			
Mānoa	Hale Noelani Renovation	\$	80,000,000		\$	63,517,000
	PV Rooftop, PV Canopies, and Various Energy Efficiency					
Mānoa	Projects	\$	30,000,000			
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Upgrades	\$	9,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$	9,000,000
Mānoa	Coconut Island Sewer Line Upgrades	\$	3,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$	5,000,000
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$	8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000		
Mānoa	Assessment and Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$	6,500,000			
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan, Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
Mānoa	Central Administration Facility with Parking	\$	8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000		
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repairs	\$	3,000,000			
JABSOM	JABSOM Roof Replacement	\$	6,500,000	\$ 6,250,000	\$	6,250,000
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$	7,300,000	\$ 16,200,000	\$	16,200,000
UHWO	RIM Projects	\$	5,000,000		\$	1,000,000
UHWO	Road B Entry Plaza	\$	5,200,000			
UHWO	PV Carport	\$	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
Community Colleges	Major R&M			\$ 10,000,000		
Community Colleges	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance			\$ 25,000,000	\$	25,000,000
Community Colleges	Palamanui - Improvements and Repair of Buildings			\$ 2,000,000		
	Palamanui - Expansion of Nursing and Early Childhood Ed					
Community Colleges	Labs			\$ 500,000		
System	CTAHR - Poamoho Research Station			\$ 2,000,000	\$	2,500,000
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium - Edge of the Reef Exhibit				\$	3,000,000
System	Value-Added Product Development Center, Molokaʻi				\$	2,500,000
Total		\$	331,500,000	\$ 223,450,000	\$	153,967,000

The House and Senate both reduced \$101.2M in currently appropriated General Fund CIP: \$30.0M for Mānoa RIM, \$5.0 M for Coconut Island Sewer, \$16.2M for Hilo RIM, \$25.0M for CCs CRDM, and \$25.0M for CCs Minor CIP.

Projects in RED are funded via General Funds and not GO bonds.

The Senate also included \$20.0M for RIM projects for Student Housing from Revenue Bonds.

UH does not currently have authorization to issue revenue bonds.

## **PROCUREMENT**

**HB 2499 HD2 SD2** (Saiki)

#### RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Designates the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii as the University of Hawaii's chief procurement officer. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 6/29/3000. (SD2)

Position: Support original version

**<u>Update</u>**: House Conferees:

Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; McKelvey, Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Hashimoto, Fevella

### **CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND**

**HB 2500 HD1 SD1** (Saiki)

#### RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND.

Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and authorizes the University of Hawaii to establish accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii System. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Lapses funds to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Position: Support

Update: Failed to meet legislative deadline



## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**HB 2501 HD1 SD2** (Saiki)

## RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Repeals the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawaii students. (SD2)

Position: Support

**Update**: House Conferees:

Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Aquino, Kidani, Co-Chairs; Fevella

## **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

**SB 3191 SD1 HD2** (Kouchi)

### RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Permanently authorizes the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Position: Support

**Update**: Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fevella

**House Conferees:** 



## **INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION**

**SB 3192 SD1 HD1** (Kouchi)

### RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH

Makes permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii. Takes effect 6/29/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

**Update**: Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fevella

House Conferees:

## **CIGARETTE TAX**

**HB 2504 HD2 SD2** (Saiki)

### **RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES**

Beginning 7/1/2024, expands the cigarette tax levied upon a wholesaler or dealer under section 245-3, HRS, to electronic smoking devices and e-liquids. Requires 1.0 cent per cigarette, electronic smoking device, and e-liquid, but not more than \$500,000 per fiscal year, to be deposited into the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund. Clarifies that tax revenues deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund shall not be used for early clinical trials. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

Position: Support original version

**<u>Update</u>**: House disagrees with Senate amendments

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Board of Regents

# **HB 1597 HD1 SD1** (Tarnas)

### **RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS**

Clarifies that members of the public may sue a board or alleged board after receiving an adverse Office of Information Practices decision, and that the decision will be reviewed de novo. Establishes a two-year statute of limitations to bring the lawsuit and reaffirms a complainant's right to seek review by the Office of Information Practices first. Recognizes that only a member of the public may recover attorney's fees and costs if that person prevails in an open meetings lawsuit. Requires that persons suing for open meetings law violations notify the Office of Information Practices about the lawsuit so that it may decide whether to intervene. Requires open meetings lawsuits that seek to void a board's final action to be prioritized by the courts. (SD1)

**<u>Update</u>**: House reconsidered action in disagreeing to the amendments

## **HB 1598 HD1 SD2** (Tarnas)

#### **RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW**

Requires boards to make available for public inspection board packets, if created, at the time the board packet is distributed to board members but no later than two business days before the board meeting. Provides that public testimony may be distributed to board members before the board meeting. Requires boards to include in the notice to persons requesting notification of meetings, a list of the documents that were compiled by the board and distributed to board members before a board meeting for use at the meeting. Requires boards to post board packets on its website. (SD2)

**Update**: House reconsidered action in disagreeing to the amendments

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Board of Regents

**HB 1599 HD1 SD2** (Tarnas)

## **RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW**

Requires public meeting notices to inform members of the public how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants. Recognizes a board's authority to remove and block individuals who disrupt meetings. Takes effect 1/1/2025. (SD2)

**<u>Update</u>**: House reconsidered action in disagreeing to the amendments

# **HB 1600 HD1 SD2** (Tarnas) **RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS**

Requires boards to schedule a meeting for deliberation and decision-making on a report by an investigative group at least six business days after the board meeting in which the investigative group presented the findings and recommendations of its investigation to the board. (SD2)

**<u>Update</u>**: House reconsidered action in disagreeing to the amendments



# 2024 Select Bills of Interest **Board of Regents**

## **HB 2482 HD1 SD2** (Saiki) **RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES**

Repeals the requirement for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and county clerk's offices to timely post paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices filed by boards in a central location in a public building, and instead, requires the offices to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of the notices. Repeals requirements providing that cancellation of a meeting is not required for failure of a board to file a copy of the meeting notice with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's offices and retain a copy of proof of filing the notice, or failure of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or county clerk's offices to timely post paper or electronic copies of the meeting notice in a central location in a public building. Takes effect on 4/14/2112. (SD2)

**Update**: House disagrees with Senate amendments

### **GM 732**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MIYAHIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update**: Senate HRE recommends Advise and Consent

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Personnel/Students

# HB 2720 HD3 SD1 (Perruso) RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Establishes a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and community college system. Takes effect 7/1/2055. (SD1)

Position: No position

**Update**: House disagrees with Senate amendments

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest RCUH

**SB 1511 SD2 HD2** (Kim)

#### RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Clarifies the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii and that its undertakings shall be limited to acts that are reasonably necessary to carry out its purpose. Repeals the requirement that the University of Hawaii contract with the Research Corporation when the University determines that other various agencies cannot more effectively or efficiently accomplish certain research and training activities. Grandfathers existing Research Corporation contracts and requires new contracts be subject to new limitations. Limits the scope of the special account the Research Corporation is authorized to establish. Requires revolving accounts to follow University of Hawaii Administrative Procedure 12.204. Limits internal service orders and revolving accounts of the Research Corporation that use University intramural funds to certain projects and requires biannual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Position: Comments

**<u>Update</u>**: Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

House Conferees:

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Wildfire

## HB 2805 HD1 SD1 (Belatti) RELATING TO HEALTH

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

Position: Support

**<u>Update</u>**: House disagrees with Senate amendments

**SB 2284 SD2 HD1** (Dela Cruz)

#### RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII

Establishes a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

**Update**: Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Wakai, Shimabukuro, Co-Chairs; Hashimoto, Fevella

**House Conferees:** 

# 2024 Select Bills of Interest Wildfire

**SB 2502 SD2 HD1** (Dela Cruz)

#### RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII

Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

**Update**: Senate Conferees: Kim, Chair; Shimabukuro, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella

**House Conferees:** 

**SB 3068 SD1 HD1** (Kouchi)

#### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position:

**<u>Update</u>**: Senate disagrees with House amendments



#### HCR 125 HD1 (Belatti)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate HHS

#### HCR 165 HD1 (Garrett)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HAWAII THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Position: Comments

Update: Referred to Senate LBT

#### SCR 184 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Position: Comments

**Update**: House FIN decision making on 4/18/2024 at 10:45am

#### **2024 Select Resolutions of Interest**

#### **HCR 184** (Holt)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Position: Support

**Update**: Senate EET hearing on 4/17/2024 at 1:00pm

#### SCR 172 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Position: Support

<u>Update</u>: House ECD passed unamended; referred to FIN

#### HCR 205 (Perruso)

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT.

Position: Support

**<u>Update</u>**: Senate HRE passed unamended; pending final adoption

#### SCR 143 SD1 (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND FACULTY HOUSING FACILITY NEEDS AT THE MANOA CAMPUS.

Position: Support

**Update**: House FIN decision making on 4/18/2024 at 10:45am

#### SCR 144 (Dela Cruz)

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMIES TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Position:

**Update**: House EDN/HET passed unamended; referred to FIN

#### **SCR 148 SD1** (Lee)

URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP ART, BRANDING, AND NARRATIVES FOR AN APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF HAWAII'S UNIQUE COMMUNITIES, LANDMARKS, PARKS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AREAS.

Position: Comments

**<u>Update</u>**: Failed to meet legislative deadline

#### **SCR 202** (Kim)

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH AN ONLINE OPTION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING ADULTS IN ALL COUNTIES.

Position: Support

**Update**: House HET passed unamended; referred to FIN

## **Legislative Calendar**

- April 5 Second Decking (Bills)
- April 11 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree
- April 15 Second Lateral (House Concurrent Resos)
- April 19 Second Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos) & Constitutional Amendments
- April 22 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) & Final Decking (Budget Bills)
- April 25 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)
- April 26 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)
- May 3 Adjournment Sine Die



## Conclusion

## **Appropriation Bills**

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HB1800	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 20232025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/2024. (SD1)		WAM	(H)4/16/2024- Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Wednesday 04-17- 24 1:00PM in conference room 309.	SAIKI
HB2248 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a North Shore Beach Management and Climate Adaptation Plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo'o (Sharks Cove) area. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)			(S)4/12/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 731).	QUINLAN
HB2610 HD1 SD2	RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF. Establishes a Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to support the local match requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for projects that implement mitigation measures to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural hazards affecting the State. Appropriates moneys into the Disaster Relief Match Special Fund. Makes appropriations to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui. Declares that the appropriations exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2042. (SD2)		WAM	(S)4/16/2024-Re- Referred to WAM.	NAKAMURA



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Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB2805 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO HEALTH. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)		HRE/PSM, WAM	(S)4/12/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 731).	BELATTI
SB2284 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII. Establishes a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		WAL, HET, FIN	(H)4/15/2024-Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 678).	DELA CRUZ
SB2362 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$125,000	AGR, FIN	(H)4/4/2024-Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 366).	GABBARD
SB2502 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		WAL, HET, FIN	(H)4/15/2024-Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 678).	DELA CRUZ



## **Appropriation Bills**

	Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
		RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a 3-year	\$3,025,468	EEP/WAL,	(H)4/11/2024-Received	DELA CRUZ
		new wastewater system and individual wastewater system		HET, FIN	notice of disagreement	
		technology demonstration and implementation pilot program			(Sen. Com. No. 674).	
		within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research				
		Center to examine and demonstrate new wastewater and				
		cesspool technology systems; implement those technologies				
	SB2513	in demonstration projects in areas across the State that are				
	SD2	identified as priority level 1 in the 2021 Hawaii Cesspool				
	HD3	Hazard Assessment and Prioritization Tool, 2021 Report and				
		Technical Appendices; and establish similar prioritization				
		categories for the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Niihau.				
		Requires the University of Hawaii Water Resource Research				
		Center to submit annual interim reports and a final report to				
		the Legislature. Establishes positions. Makes appropriations.				
		Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)				
	<b>VR306X</b>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY.		FIN	(H)4/11/2024-Received	KOUCHI
		Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response			notice of disagreement	
	HD1	to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of			(Sen. Com. No. 673).	
	HULL	Hawaii and Maui. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)				

## Item VII.B.

Regent Report on AGB National Conference on Trusteeship

## NO MATERIALS ORAL REPORT

## Item VIII.

### **Executive Session**

# ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION