HCR 314/HR 248
REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE
LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF OBSERVATORY SITES ON THE SUMMIT OF
MAUNA KEA

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii and its Institute for Astronomy (IfA) support House Concurrent
Resolution No. 314. Astronomy has become one of the university's most successful
science programs and the IfA one of the most respected astronomical institutions in the
world. The Mauna Kea and Haleakala Observatories form the premier observatory
complex in the world. Astronomy at UH is a pillar of excellence and a major contributor
to the state's economy.

In order to retain the world leadership in astronomical research and education the
development of new facilities with unprecedented astronomical capability is a most
important priority for UH. However, the university also acknowledges that a balance
between the support for science and respect for cultural and environmental needs is
required and that a limit must be placed on future development of Mauna Kea. HCR 314
is therefore in agreement with the university's intentions for the future of astronomy in
Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.