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HB 2376 – RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to express concerns on this measure.

HB 2376 proposes to transfer land in Kapolei from UH to DLNR. The University does not support HB 2376.

While the University does not have immediate plans for the sale of any lands at UH West O'ahu, (UHWO) the University believes that the lands are an asset with the potential to help fulfill the vision and mission of UHWO.

The Board of Regents is currently updating its Board policy on land and its statements on their purposes, which include the promotion and support of the University's educational and research mission while advancing the principals of environmental stewardship and sustainability. This legislative measure may conflict with the University in meeting its missions.

Accordingly we request that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.