



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 147 and SR 99 REQUESTING THE OFFICE TO PLANNING TO CONVENE A TEMPORARY UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA SPECIAL DISTRICT PLANNING WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA SPECIAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chair Tokuda, Chair Hee and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on this resolution establishing a workgroup to develop a proposal for a special district development authority for the area near the future UH Mānoa transit station.

We support the concept of providing the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa a participatory voice in future development decisions affecting our campus and the surrounding area. However, we strongly believe in the importance of also including community representation on the proposed planning workgroup and any future development authority. UH Mānoa takes great pride in being a close partner with our neighbors in the Mānoa and Mo'ili'ili communities – and it's essential that the proposed workgroup and authority do so as well because these community groups have long had an active role in area planning efforts.

Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.