SB 678 SD2 – RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HAWAII’S MOVING IMAGES

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

‘Ulu’ulu: the Henry Ku’ualoha Giugni (HKG) Moving Image Archive of Hawai‘i was designated as the official state archive for moving images under Act 90 (SLH 2012). This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for ‘Ulu’ulu to support the activities of the moving image archive. **UH West O‘ahu supports SB 678 SD2 provided its passage does not impact other priorities currently in the University’s budget.**

Over two years ago, UH West O‘ahu partnered with the Guigni Archives on creating a central repository of video and film produced by and in Hawai‘i that would serve as a valuable resource for the community. The Giugni Archives is now housed in the library of the new UH West O‘ahu campus in Kapolei and includes over 11,000 square feet of state of the art archive space, a massive temperature controlled vault and public areas for scholarship, conferences, citizens and tourists wishing to see what Hawai‘i once looked like.

We are proud to partner with the HKG Archives to preserve this important film and video resource as it serves to educate our current and future generations about the history and culture of Hawai‘i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.