



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SCR 66 / SR 37 – REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII NAME A SCHOOL,
BUILDING, ROAD, OR AREA UNDER ITS CONTROL AFTER PRESIDENT
BARACK H. OBAMA

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 66/SR 37. These resolutions requests that the Department of Transportation, University of Hawai'i System, Department of Education, and Department of Accounting and General Services to create a plan to name a school, building, road, park, or other property under the control of the State in honor of President Barack Obama and report back to the Legislature before the 2017 Legislative Session.

The University of Hawai'i currently has an Executive Policy E10.203 that guides the University's criteria regarding the naming of campus improvements and academic programs at the University. This policy considers factors such as the outstanding character, distinction, and other factors of a nominee for naming a facility after him or her. The University believes such an approach considered in the resolution would be similar to aspects the University and other state entities could employ to honor the state as well as an individual. The University also considers naming opportunities as an opportunity for philanthropy.

The University of Hawai'i System appreciates and acknowledges President Obama's legacy and his connection to Hawai'i and looks forward to working with the other departments involved on this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.