



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 1521 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BUDGET and
HB 1522 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BUDGET

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** both HB 1521 HD1 and HB 1522 HD1. Both bills appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for the operating budget of the University of Hawai'i (UH). HB 1521 HD1 represents the “base budget” and the totals by Program ID match those found in HB 2 as introduced. HB 1522 HD1 represents the “add ons” to the base budget. The two bills in tandem appropriate funding for UH’s operating budget for the upcoming fiscal biennium and because of this, this testimony will speak to the combination of these two bills.

The University hereby notes that HB 1521 HD1 provides funding at the current (existing) fund levels – meaning, funding at current fiscal year levels. To fund as HB 1521 HD1 proposes to maintain programs and services, at least, to current levels. HB 1521 HD1 reflects the appropriation levels as set forth by Act 53, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018, with adjustments to account for already agreed upon collective bargaining increases and non-recurring expenditures. We do note, however, that while HB 1521 HD1 provides a base level of funding to UH, it still leaves other processes to provide general fund support to Athletics programs at UH’s Mānoa and Hilo campuses, as has been provided in recent years:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	MOF
UOH100	Funding Support for Athletics	-	2,700,000	-	2,700,000	A
UOH210	Funding Support for Athletics	-	300,000	-	300,000	A

In addition, the UH Board of Regents has formally requested consideration of additional funding for the following programs and initiatives:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	MOF
UOH800	Roll-over Act 14/18 funding into the Promise Program base	-	700,000	-	700,000	A
UOH900	Additional Funds for Hawai'i Promise for four year institutions	-	19,000,000	-	19,000,000	A
UOH100	Raise Graduate Assistant (GA) Stipend	-	2,198,360	-	2,242,327	A
UOH100	Learning Assistants and Peer Mentoring for Mānoa	1.00	956,600	3.00	1,408,876	A
UOH210	Funding support for Learning Assistants, Peer Mentors and Graduate Assistants at UH Hilo		122,000		231,000	A
UOH700	Add funds for student employment at UH West O'ahu, including hiring Learning Assistants		300,000		300,000	A
UOH800	Funding support for student Mentors and Tutors at the Community Colleges		1,004,400		1,004,400	A
UOH100	General funded position counts for the Athletics Program	30.00		30.00		A
UOH100	Facilities Maintenance positions for Mānoa	6.00		6.00		A
UOH900	Construction manager and inspector positions for the Office of Project Delivery	4.00		4.00		A
UOH210	Positions and funds for the Custodial and Maintenance staff at UH Hilo	5.00	228,576	5.00	228,576	A
UOH210	UH Hilo Security - additional security staff positions	8.00	311,240	8.00	311,240	A
UOH210	Wayfinding Education Program – Imiloa Astronomy Center	2.00	375,000	2.00	300,000	A
UOH800	Hawaii Nutrition and Employment Training (HINET) for SNAP recipients at the Community Colleges	8.00	520,000	8.00	520,000	A
UOH700	Build Distance Education Infrastructure and fund additional faculty	8.00	1,000,000	8.00	1,000,000	A
UOH110	Increase Ceiling for RTRF and Real Property and Facilities Use Revolving Fund (RPFURF) for JABSOM	-	1,021,453		1,021,453	W
UOH800	Increase Ceiling for the CC's for RTRF and the Commercial Enterprises Revolving Fund (CERF)		1,000,000		1,000,000	W
UOH700	Decrease Ceiling for Lease Payments (BK)		(270,000)		(270,000)	B

There are also transfers between different Program IDs at UH. These transfers have no net effect on the overall budget but are useful as a practical matter during budget execution:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	M O F
UOH100	Transfer Ant Lab from Hilo to Mānoa	2.00	200,000	2.00	200,000	A
UOH210	Transfer Ant Lab to Mānoa	(2.00)	(200,000)	(2.00)	(200,000)	A
UOH900	Transfer Na Pua Noeau to Various Campuses	(6.00)	(322,242)	(6.00)	(322,242)	A
UOH100	Transfer Na Pua Noeau from System to Mānoa	1.00	82,491	1.00	82,491	A
UOH210	Transfer Na Pua Noeau from System to UH Hilo	2.00	87,631	2.00	87,631	A
UOH700	Transfer Na Pua Noeau from System to UH West O'ahu	1.00	44,724	1.00	44,724	A
UOH800	Transfer Na Pua Noeau from System to the Community Colleges	2.00	107,396	2.00	107,396	A
UOH800	Transfer Hawai'i Promise from the CC to System.	-	(2,529,000)	-	(2,529,000)	A
UOH900	Transfer Hawai'i Promise from CCs	-	2,529,000	-	2,529,000	A

HB 1522 HD1 incorporates the additional amounts requested in the Board of Regents' budget request as well the transfers and the general fund support for Athletics programs at Mānoa and Hilo.

In combination, the two bills together (HB 1521 HD1 and HB 1522 HD1) constitute a total operating budget that conforms to the Board of Regents' operating request. Because of this, UH supports both measures in tandem.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.