



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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### HB 300 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

As we emerge from the global pandemic and associated economic downturn, we are learning from those experiences and are working to address needs across Hawai'i and within UH. As the state's sole provider of public postsecondary education, we continue to strive to provide quality college and university education and training; create knowledge through research and scholarship; provide service through extension, technical assistance, and training; contribute to the cultural heritage of the community; and respond to state needs. We look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to help the people of Hawai'i.

The following table represents all General Funded requests for additional funding, showing the budget request approved by the Board of Regents at its November 2022 meeting and the House Draft of the budget, including Governor's Message No. 1 (GM1), dated February 13, 2023, and Governor's Message No. 2 (GM2), dated March 10, 2023. This table does not include numerous transfers which do not affect the overall General Fund budget and also does not include a request for \$205,000 in additional Special Fund ceiling for the Physician Workforce Assessment Special Fund as well as the House add-on of 4 positions and \$1,000,000 in Special Fund ceiling for System Administration.

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000
West O'ahu	General Fund Restoration	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy Continuation	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy Continuation	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Mānoa	HIMB Full Year Funding	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500
JABSOM	GME Residency Full Year Funding	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 660,000
JABSOM	Neighbor Island MD Expansion Continuation	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000
Hilo	Security Officers	\$ 313,320	\$ 313,320		
West O'ahu	Security Officers	\$ 30,900	\$ 61,800		
Community Colleges	Security Officers	\$ 693,780	\$ 1,456,938	\$ 1	\$ 1
Hilo	IT Support	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000		
Hilo	Analytical Lab Manager	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000		
West O'ahu	Campus & ACM Support	\$ 162,996	\$ 325,992		
Community Colleges	Early College Expansion	\$ 577,500	\$ 1,212,750		
West O'ahu	Early College Expansion	\$ 90,000	\$ 180,000		
System Admin	Early College Expansion	\$ 90,000	\$ 180,000		
West O'ahu	Student Success Support	\$ 261,252	\$ 522,504		
Community Colleges	Maui College - Health Center	\$ 98,500	\$ 200,250	\$ 98,500	\$ 200,250
Community Colleges	Maui College - Distance Learning	\$ 73,500	\$ 147,750		
Mānoa	Kūlia I Ka Nu'u Undergraduate Research Initiative	\$ 721,600	\$ 1,058,400		
Hilo	Transfer Center	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
Hilo	Administration of Justice Program Expansion	\$ 142,000	\$ 142,000		
Hilo	MA Teaching Expansion and Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000		
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000		
Hilo	Career Advising and Internship Admin	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
Hilo	CAFNRM Sustainable Agribusiness	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		

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West O'ahu	Health & Wellness	\$ 147,158	\$ 294,316	\$ 147,158	\$ 294,316
West O'ahu	Teacher Preparation	\$ 70,676	\$ 141,352		
Community Colleges	Winward CC - Incarcerated Students	\$ 125,500	\$ 241,550		
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Incarcerated Students	\$ 37,500	\$ 78,750		
Mānoa	Health Science Initiative	\$ 477,009	\$ 688,473	\$ 477,009	\$ 688,473
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Allied Health Professions & NI Expansion	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000
Community Colleges	Windward CC - CNA Program Support	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000		
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Medical Assisting Program Support	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Nursing Clinical Faculty	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Nursing Program Maintenance & Expansion	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Nursing Faculty	\$ 258,000	\$ 258,000		
Community Colleges	Maui College - Nursing Faculty	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000
Community Colleges	Maui College - CNA to LPN Program Support	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000
Mānoa	UHWO-UHM Nursing Collaboration	\$ 503,000	\$ 503,000		
Mānoa	NAWSON Programs and Training Support	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430
Hilo	Nursing Faculty Support	\$ 198,000	\$ 198,000		
Mānoa	Adjust UHWO-UHM NAWSON Collaboration Request			\$	\$ 1
Hilo	Adjust UHH School of Nursing Request			\$ 1	\$ 1
Mānoa	Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health - Training Hubs			\$ 1	\$ 1
Mānoa	UHWO-UHM NAWSON Collaboration			\$ 1	\$ 1
Hilo	UHH Nursing Faculty			\$ 1	\$ 1
Community Colleges	Office of International and Regional Partnerships Study Abroad Program			\$ 15,000	
Community Colleges	Placeholder Amounts for Transfers in GM2			\$ 12	\$ 12
System Admin	IT Equipment			\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 56,266,967</b>	<b>\$ 59,399,921</b>	<b>\$ 50,031,460</b>	<b>\$ 50,476,833</b>

The top priority for the UH is the restoration of our General Fund appropriation to pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, the continuation of current funding levels for the subsidy to UH's Athletics programs and specific appropriations made outside of the budget or full-year funding of additions to last year's budget is also UH priorities.

For new funding, the top initiative is the expansion of the Hawai'i Promise Program to our four-year institutions and additional general fund support for the Promise Program at the Community Colleges, which have had to make up the difference in recent years with institutional funding.

Additionally, requests to help address the current workforce shortage in our healthcare industry will assist with employing Hawai'i's citizens in good-paying jobs and benefit those who receive healthcare.

The following table delineates the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests for UH. Similar to the operating table, this shows the Board-approved budget and the Governor's current requests. These projects are GO Bond funded, except where otherwise noted.

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
System Admin	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
System Admin	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (General Funds)			\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000
Hilo	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 26,500,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 26,500,000
Community Colleges	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000		
Community Colleges	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (General Funds)			\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
West O'ahu	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,500,000		
Mānoa	PV Rooftop and Canopies and various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000		
Community Colleges	Minor CIP (GO Bonds)	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000		
Community Colleges	Minor CIP (General Funds)			\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Mānoa	Assessment & Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$ 6,500,000			
West O'ahu	Road B Entry Plaza	\$ 5,500,000			
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Replace AC System (6930 Ohelo)	\$ 15,000,000			
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Upgrade Fire Alarm System	\$ 8,500,000			

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Mānoa	Mini Master Plan Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall		\$ 5,000,000		
West O'ahu	Campus Center Phase II		\$ 49,000,000		
Community Colleges	Windward CC - Repair/Replace HVAC (5988 Imliloa)	\$ 11,000,000		\$ 11,000,000	
Mānoa	Athletics	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 1,000	
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Renovate Building (6920 Kokio)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 10,000,000		\$ 10,000,000
Mānoa	Admin Office & Parking		\$ 8,000,000		
Community Colleges	Honolulu CC - Technology Renovations Phase 2	\$ 3,000,000			
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 6,000,000		\$ 6,000,000
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Manono Campus Development	\$ 2,000,000			
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repair	\$ 3,000,000			
Mānoa	HIMB – Continue DARPA Prototype Artificial Reef			\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000
Mānoa	HIMB – Replacement of Sewage System, Seawall, and Pier			\$ 10,000,000	
Community Colleges	Maui – Renovate Existing Buildings for Medical Education Classrooms			\$ 250,000	
Community Colleges	Waiākea Research Station			\$ 1,000	
System Admin	Waiale'e Ag Substation Improvements (General Funds)			\$ 4,000,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 262,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 296,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 180,252,000</b>	<b>\$ 187,500,000</b>

Renew, Improve, and Modernize (“RIM”) Projects are the UH’s top priority, as these funds help to address the UH’s deferred maintenance backlog of approximately \$863 million. The other projects in this list help to protect health and safety, protect and maintain existing infrastructure and system investments, and support current and funded research activity.

We look forward to working with the Legislature throughout this Session and thank you for this opportunity to testify.