



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SB 1419 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Perruso, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) has **comments** regarding SB 1419 SD1, Relating to the University of Hawaii. This bill requires the UH to include all long-term leases the University enters into with the intent to purchase as part of its capital improvement projects budget request.

While UH does not have any objections to this requirement, I would note that I believe this bill was driven by a Senator's special interest on the University's and UH Foundation's "Atherton" project. That project includes redevelopment of student housing on a formerly YMCA property and the lease includes an option for the University to purchase the property in the future. However, that is not certain, nor is it University-owned property, nor does it use legislatively appropriated funds.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.