



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 115 PROPOSED SD1 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
EXAMINE THE REASONABLENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF THE EXISTING
POLICIES, STANDARDS, RULES, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING
THE UNIVERSITY HOUSING PROGRAM

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on SCR 115 Proposed SD1, which requires the University of Hawai'i (University) and its Board of Regents to examine and assess its policies and procedures governing the University housing program and submit a report to the legislature. While the University appreciates the Legislature's interest and support of our housing program, most of the issues identified in the Proposed SD1 were included in the scope of a University Internal Audit report completed in 2019, which was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Regents Committee on Independent Audit on February 6, 2020 and was recently subject to follow-up during its March 4, 2021 meeting. During the March 4, 2021 report to the Board, it was noted that all corrective actions identified in the 2019 audit were considered implemented. A full copy of the report by the University's Office of Internal Audit can be made available to the Senate Committee on Higher Education upon request.

Given the University's limited resources, and in light of the recent audit and follow-up, the University respectfully requests that this resolution be deferred. If the Committee has any concerns on the program following its review of the audit report, the University is open to responding to any direct inquiries, concerns or requests for information. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.