



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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### Legislative Testimony

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

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### SB 1191 SD2 – RELATING TO A TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Hashimoto and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Aiu and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure, which appropriates funds to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“HCDA”) for statewide planning, designing, and constructing of various transit-oriented development projects identified in the state strategic plan for transit-oriented development.

The University of Hawai'i (“University”) is the landowner near four of the rail stations that are located adjacent to or on three University campuses. The University appreciates the intent of this proposed legislation which supports development within transit-oriented development areas, and recommends that language be included to authorize the HCDA to transfer projects to other agencies, including the University, to allow for the most effective use of knowledge and resources to complete the identified projects in SB 1191 SD2.

I recommend that SB 1191 SD2 be amended by adding a new section after the current Section 3 as follows:

*“SECTION \_\_. The Hawaii Community Development Authority, as the designated expending agency for capital improvement projects authorized in this Act, with the approval of the governor, may delegate to other state agencies the implementation of projects, including the transfer of funds to implement those projects, when it is determined to be advantageous to do so by the Hawaii Community Development Authority as the original expending agency and the agency to which expending authority is to be delegated.”*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.