



Testimony - Planning and Facilities - Ibara

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Sat, May 1, 2021 at 10:44 PM

Dear Board of Regents Committee on Planning and Facilities,

Attached for your review and records is my testimony regarding, "Support for Authorizing Negotiation and Approval of Lease of Facility Between the University of Hawai'i and the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the Benefit of Leeward Community College". Please confirm receipt of my testimony.

Mahalo,

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Support for Authorizing Negotiation and Approval of Lease of Facility Between the University of Hawai'i and the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the Benefit of Leeward Community College

Sunday, May 1, 2021

Dear Members of Board of Regents Committee on Planning and Facilities,

About 85-90% of Hawai'i's food is imported which makes our islands particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global events that might disrupt shipping and the food supply. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) agenda is to develop an aggressive and dynamic agribusiness development program to facilitate the transition of agricultural lands and infrastructure from plantation operations into other agricultural enterprises committed to enhancing the agricultural industry in Hawai'i. I strongly support the lease of facility between the University of Hawai'i and the ADC for the benefit of Leeward Community College (LCC). This collaboration would further facilitate ADC's role to protect the future of agriculture in Hawai'i by facilitating its transformation from a dual crop economy of sugar and pineapple to a multi-crop industry.

This collaboration between ADC and LCC would improve the strategy to Hawai'i's self-sufficiency goal. ADC includes transitioning former plantation lands and water systems to diversified long-term agricultural use, initiating, and developing diversified agriculture facilities, and finding innovative solutions for issues facing the agricultural industry today. The state of Hawai'i ranks poorly in food imports. We need to develop high-value agricultural land, water systems and infrastructure.

Even though a number of fruit and vegetable crops are already self-sufficient, this collaboration would broaden the acquiring or constructing processing and/or treatment facilities to enhance LCC and the state agriculture opportunities. In addition, the information, education, and training ADC provide on various industry practices such as food safety, production techniques and land uses will help LCC and the state.

Expanding Hawai'i's agriculture is a critical factor towards successful implementation towards self-sufficiency. This building of partnerships between ADC and LCC should continue for benefit LCC, and ultimately, the people of Hawai'i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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5/3/2021

To the Committee on Planning and Facilities:

My name is Otto. I am a Ph.D. student in Public Health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of the University Land-Related Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Program Innovation Space/Student Housing. Due to experience housing in Hawaii, affordable and safe housing is not easy to find. It is always a challenging task for international students because the number of housing on the campus is very limited. I tried to apply for housing when I got the offer in the 2019 fall semester, but I eventually found an apartment off-campus. Besides, due to my limited budget, my community is not safe and nice. Thus, I support for University Land-Related Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Program Innovation Space/Student Housing."

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During the pandemic, there are around 10 cases every month. For the innovation/development housing project, some strategic plans or layouts for minimizing the risk of COVID 19 may need to be deeply considered.

Another concern is safety issues at the on-campus Hall at UH Manoa. I received 2 or 3 cases every month about burglary or moped thefts. It would be better to increase the security infrastructure. Except for the increasing patrols to bike and moped parking areas from the department of public safety (DPS), more security cameras and smart locks or fingerprint locks can be installed to enhance the security of the building.

To conclude, I support for University Land-Related Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Program Innovation Space/Student Housing to provide affordable and good quality housing for graduate students. Of course, there some chagenllges need to be overcome. I am looking forward to the further action of the plan from the University Land-Related Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships

Thank you for your time

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