



Board of Regents <bor@hawaii.edu>

Testimony: Parking at JABSOM

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To the UH Board of Regents:

I would like to thank the Board for looking into the parking issues currently facing JABSOM. I also commend the JABSOM administration for responding to lack of parking on the Kaka'ako campus as well. Unfortunately, the parking problems at JABSOM are not yet resolved. The JABSOM administration is currently working hard to facilitate continued use of the Auxiliary Lot, but will lose about 50 spaces in Lot C until the construction of a multi-level parking structure. I believe that the multi-level parking structure is only part of the long-term solution to the parking problems at JABSOM.

Previous surveys indicate that 89% of employees commute to the Kaka'ako campus by car. At least 95 students, faculty, and staff travel drive between Manoa and Kaka'ako each week. I am personally one of the individuals utilizing a private car to travel between campuses. On a typical day, I split my time between these campus for class and research – this schedule takes up a parking space at both campuses. Transporting myself like this is inefficient and increases demand for new parking infrastructure at the Manoa and Kaka'ako campuses. Unfortunately, it is currently the most convenient way for me to get to work which is why there are at least 95 others also traveling between campuses in this fashion. Our survey indicates that at least 130 members of the UH community would utilize a shuttle service between Manoa and Kaka'ako. I urge the Board to look into operating a shuttle service as a long-term solution to transportation to and from JABSOM. A shuttle would hopefully have the dual benefits of decreasing demand for parking spaces and encouraging Manoa-based students without a private vehicle to travel to Kaka'ako for research experiences.

I encourage the Board to consider a university shuttle when discussing solutions to transportation to and from JABSOM.

Sincerely,

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in support of board meeting (7/19) agenda item C.1.

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Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 9:53 AM

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Sirs:

I am writing in support for the approval of New Kakaako Parking Rate Schedule.

As staff at the Kakaako campus, while I do not appreciate the lack of foresight by the Kakaako and Manoa administration regarding the parking situation at this site, I am resigned to the fact that the current proposal is the best one on the table. I have strong opinions on the parking situation as a whole, but this is not the time or place for that discussion.

Without approval of this proposal, payroll deductions to pay for parking cannot be applied across the board for all faculty and staff; those that park in Kakaako lot B and "lot C". This pretax deduction allows for those of us making minimal pay, a huge tax savings. As the parking rates will increase 100% for the next academic year, it is essential that this payroll deduction be instituted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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