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Chair Hiraki and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii welcomes the effort represented in this bill to explore the flexibility which may exist in certain funds maintained by the State to address the costs associated with the flood on the UH Manoa campus on the evening of October 30, 2004. At the same time, we recognize the State's obligation to the citizens of Hawaii to be faithful to the purposes for which these certain funds were created, and any legal limitations that may exist on the modification of those purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.