



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

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Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

Kapi'olani Community College currently has 960 parking spaces for students and 225 parking spaces for staff. Additionally, through a shared use agreement, we are able to provide an additional 66 spaces for students at the Diamond Head Theatre. The College currently enrolls 7,300 students with approximately 350 full-time and 150 part-time staff.

There is no question that we have a shortage of parking spaces, particularly during prime times. We estimate that approximately 400 additional student parking spaces are needed to address the current peak load. This estimate is based on counting spaces and observing parking patterns during the 2003 bus strike when the area across Diamond Head Road was temporarily made available to student parking. Additional spaces would be needed to support any further growth in College programs.

Planning for a parking structure is part of the College's development plans but this project has not yet risen to priority status within the University. Better information would certainly assist in determining exactly what size structure would be needed and therefore what funding and parking fees might be required to support the construction and operation of a parking structure. Currently, the College does not charge for parking.

The use of students to obtain this planning information is a novel suggestion. We will certainly try to adopt this approach but ultimately the success would depend on identifying willing students and faculty. Should faculty and students step up to do this work, we will be happy to support that effort and report back before next Legislative Session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.