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Chair Waters, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 2479. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the University to enter into an agreement with a private developer to construct a parking structure at Kaka'ako Makai.

Parking for the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) complex in Kaka'ako Makai is currently located on-site, as well as in an adjacent lot that is slated for development of the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i. When the Cancer Research Center complex is constructed, a replacement parking site will be needed. Additional parking will be required for the Cancer Research Center development, as well as for the development of Phase II of the site on which JABSOM is located. In total, as many as 1,700 parking stalls may be needed for the University's research and educational facilities in Kaka'ako Makai.

By working with private developers, the University may be able to build the necessary parking more efficiently and expeditiously than constructing a facility on its own. Over the next few months, the University will explore alternative means of meeting the parking requirements in Kaka'ako Makai for its current and future research and educational facilities, including private development possibilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on HB 2479.