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Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Finance Committee:

The University of Hawaii strongly supports the intent of HB 3158, HD 1.

The Board of Regents Budget for Supplemental Year 2006-2007 includes \$88.4 million for capital renewal and deferred maintenance projects within the University system and the Governor's Recommended Executive CIP Budget includes \$43 million for this item. The most current listing of unfunded deferred maintenance projects on all campuses is approximately \$164 million.

Since Fiscal Year 1998, the University has been very fortunate to receive legislative support in the form of general obligation bonds for repairs and maintenance. We appreciate the Legislature's continued support to address this critical need.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on HB 3158, HD 1.