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

The University of Hawai‘i strongly supports the intent of HB 3185. The purpose of this bill is to make capital improvements program (CIP) appropriations for Honolulu Community College.

Section 1 of HB 3185, Items A and B, are projects that are included in the Board of Regents’ CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2006-2007. The projects include \$2.69 million for the design of a new Science and Technology Facility and \$2.559 million for the design and construction to reroof Hangar 111 at Kalaeloa. Information on these projects and the entire Board of Regents’ CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2006-2007 were previously transmitted to the Committee.

Section 1 of HB 3185, Items C to NN includes 38 repairs and maintenance projects, all from Honolulu Community College’s Unfunded Deferred Maintenance Report dated January 2005. We strongly support increases to our repairs and maintenance budget. As a note, HB 1900, the Executive Supplemental Budget, includes a Systemwide CIP appropriation for the University of Hawai‘i for Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance. HB 1900 currently includes \$43 million in general obligation bonds, and the University welcomes any additional funding for this important project that will benefit all campuses of the University of Hawai‘i.

The University supports the intent of the last paragraph of Section 1 of HB 3185 (Pages 11 and 12), as it pertains to energy efficiency and sustainable design as established by the United States Green Building Council. However, we are concerned with establishing a minimum rating level (i.e. silver) for new construction or major renovation work, as this will have a major impact on the total cost of developing/renovating a facility. We are currently unaware of any public facility in Hawai‘i that meets the silver standard which is stipulated in Section 2; therefore, we recommend omitting the section, or amending it to read as follows:

The University shall implement sustainable design technology in new construction and major renovation projects to the extent possible and feasible within the total project appropriation.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on HB 3185.