

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM** 

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

> March 21, 2007 by Sam Callejo Vice President for Administration

HB 424 HD2 – RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Tsutsui and members of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Good afternoon, my name is Sam Callejo, Vice President for Administration for the University of Hawaii System and the University of Hawaii strongly support HB 424 HD2 in the aftermath of the October 15, 2006 earthquake at Kiholo Bay off the northwestern coast of the island of Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii has 10 campuses on all the major islands and we sustained damage to four of our campuses located on Oahu (Manoa & Kapiolani Community College), Maui (Maui Community College) and Hawaii (University of Hawaii – Hilo campus). The damage estimate and/or actual cost where the work has already been done due the nature of the work or the need to have classroom space readily available currently totals over \$600,000 for the 4 affected campuses. Our architects and engineers have been working closely with the State Civil Defense (SCD) and FEMA in identifying the damage and scope of work and will continue to work with all the agencies to repair the damage to our campuses.

We support the State Department of Defense and State Civil Defense and their testimony on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.