



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HR 37/HCR56 Requesting the University of Hawai'i to Plan Sufficient on-Campus
Parking at Kapi'olani Community College

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Bertram, and Members of the Committee:

Both House Resolution 37 and House Concurrent Resolution 56 request the University of Hawaii system, when drawing up a master plan, to include additional parking at Kapi'olani Community College, either by constructing a parking structure, or designing parking adjacent to or under future buildings in order to alleviate parking and traffic congestion on campus and in the surrounding community.

I agree wholeheartedly with the intent of these resolutions and ask that you support the Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i, Community Colleges FB 2007-09 CIP Budget, which requests funding for a "Major CIP Planning – Long Range Development Plan Update" for Kapi'olani CC and Honolulu CC.

Kapi'olani Community College has increased the number of classes it offers through Distance Learning as one management technique to reduce the need for its students to drive to school. In addition, we have worked with the City's bus system in an attempt to make bus routes convenient for our students. In the beginning of semesters, when the demand for parking is the highest, Kapi'olani CC receives permission from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to use land across from the College for overflow parking. In addition, the College has an agreement with Diamond Head Theater to use its parking lot when needed during the day. Kapi'olani CC is also exploring sharing parking space on the University of Hawai'i land located between Leahi Hospital and the Diamond Head Theater with Leahi Hospital, as well as seeking the use of land at the Canon Club for parking. Clearly, the demand for parking is greater than what is available on campus and continues to be problematic to the surrounding community in spite of the aforementioned initiatives.

Therefore, I respectfully request for Kapi'olani Community College, its students, faculty, and surrounding community, that you fund the Long Range Development Plan Update request put forth by the Board of Regents so that Kapi'olani CC can master-plan its facilities development and parking, and thereby make the most efficient and effective use of our resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.