



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Unfortunately, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa can only support the intent of the bill at this time because of our pressing priorities, such as our tremendous need for repairs and maintenance and health and safety issues, which are critical to our ability to perform our core mission for the State of Hawaii. We recognize that you have many priorities and issues to weigh for the state, so the following information on this program is provided to assist you in your decision-making process.

Sustainability is clearly a critically important effort for the entire State of Hawai'i. The University is committed to reducing its energy consumption and the Saunders Project has been leading a strong effort to accomplish that outcome. Our goal is to develop models for energy savings at the campus to benefit the entire university community and the people of Hawai'i. Currently repairs and maintenance projects are yielding substantial savings for the campus, so that has to be our major focus at this time, but there is certainly great respect and appreciation for the Saunders Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, we appreciate all interest in the University, and want to emphasize that we will be able to perform better in all arenas and best serve the state with support of the current campus priorities approved by the Board of Regents.