



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 2521, HD 1 - Relating to Education

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

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 2521, HD1, that would create a University of Hawai'i repair and maintenance special account.

This dedicated account for the repair and maintenance of our ten campus system would go a long way in addressing our \$257 million backlog of deferred maintenance. Knowing we will have a definite stream of revenues for repair and maintenance will allow us to be proactive in our planning and more efficient in implementing our repair and maintenance programs. And by providing the University the discretion to identify the projects will allow the chancellors to have the flexibility for their respective campuses.

From a timing perspective, if the intent is to start using the funds in FY 2009, we would ask that this bill be amended on page 4, lines 15 and 16, by replacing "semi-annual" with "quarterly."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your support of the University of Hawai'i.