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

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 3436 that will allow all the nine campuses with the \$257 million backlog in deferred maintenance projects to address the high priority projects.

The \$100 million being proposed in this bill is much appreciated and would signal a good beginning to a six year program that would get us to a sustainable level at that time. Reaching this level would be based on a six year plan at \$100 million per year. \$50 million would go towards reducing the backlog and the other \$50 million would be used to maintain the current facilities at a normal level and eliminate the build up of any more "deferred maintenance" projects.

We also appreciate the support of the legislature to fund \$13.25 million in CIP funds for the Mānoa Athletics projects, some of which will address Title IX compliance issues for women's sports.

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