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HCR 294 / HR 245: URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER OF HAWAII AT KAKAAKO

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 294 and HR 245 relating to the establishment of the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i (CRCH) at Kaka'ako. I am Gary Ostrander, serving as Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at UH Mānoa, and formerly interim Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Please be assured that we at UH Mānoa are fully cognizant of the tremendous importance of implementing plans for the construction of the Cancer Research Center at Kaka'ako. Those plans are indeed moving forward, and we are continuing our active discussions with our private development and public community partners to make them reality as soon as possible.

The support of the Legislature has been, and will continue to be, important to the fulfillment of these plans. We hope to be able to provide a full briefing to the Legislature within the next several weeks regarding the timetable for development and construction of the CRCH at Kaka'ako.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.