



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR 125/HR 103 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC POLICY CENTER TO MEET WITH, AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KANAKA MAOLI COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTER'S REVIEW OF THE 2050 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HCR 125 and HR 103, requesting that the University of Hawai'i's Social Sciences Public Policy Center (Center) meet with and adopt the Kanaka Maoli Committee's recommendations relating to the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan. These resolutions allow the Public Policy Center to update you on the H2050 Plan and Center's progress in accordance with Act 225 (SLH 2008).

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa appreciates your interest and concerns in this issue but we cannot support passage of these resolutions, given the likelihood that UH Mānoa must accommodate significant budget reductions over the next two fiscal years. The actions required by these resolutions would require an investment of resources, financially and in personnel time that our campus cannot afford because we must devote them to programs essential to our primary campus mission.

Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.