



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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House Committees on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Higher Education on
HCR 0316/HR-231, Approving the Fee Simple Sale of Non-Ceded Lands Held by the
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HCR 316/HR 231 – APPROVING THE FEE SIMPLE SALE OF NON-CEDED LANDS HELD BY THE UNIVERISTY OF HAWAII IN KAPOLEI, HAWAII

Chairs Ito and Chang, Vice Chairs Har and Nakashima, and Members of the House
Committees on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Higher Education:

The University of Hawai'i – West O`ahu, supports the passage of HCR 316/HR 231.
These measures would allow the University of Hawai'i to sell in fee simple certain non-
ceded lands adjoining the site of the proposed UH – West O`ahu Kapolei campus. The
proceeds from the sale of lands would be used to finance future construction of the new
campus.

These measures would afford the University the flexibility to proceed in a timely and
efficient manner to take advantage of opportunities to raise revenues through the sale of
its non-ceded lands, as market conditions and needs may warrant. We appreciate the
intent of the measures which recognize UH – West O`ahu's need to comply with the
Campbell land covenants, to raise funds to finance the future construction of its new
campus and to expedite procedural requirements of Act 176 that could delay the
effective sale of its lands in support of the campus development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of these measures.