

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR 316 HD1 – APPROVING THE FEE SIMPLE SALE OF NON-CEDED LANDS HELD BY THE UNIVERISTY OF HAWAI`I IN KAPOLEI, HAWAI`I

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

The University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, supports the passage of HCR 316 HD1. This measure 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.

This measure 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 this measure, which recognizes 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 this measure.