

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 2145 HD2 Proposed SD1 – RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Fukunaga and Ige, Vice Chairs Wakai and Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development and Technology and Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

HB 2145 HD2 Proposed SD1, proposes the issuance and appropriation of general obligation bonds to address repair and maintenance, capital renewal, and the reduction of deferred maintenance for various State departments, including the University. HB 2145 HD2, Proposed SD1 also proposes changes to the State procurement processes.

We are grateful for considering such a measure to create jobs to restore our economy and rebuild our infrastructure. As you know, our needs are sizeable and a detailed priority list of renovation, capital renewal, and backlog of maintenance projects, as well as projects benefiting Mānoa Athletic Programs was provided to the Committee on Ways and Means in January 2012. Below is a summary of the information provided:

			Shovel Ready
Campus	Type of Work	Total	Total
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	Renovation, Capital Renewal, and Backlog	130,800,000	115,800,000
	Athletics CIP Projects	12,500,000	0
	University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa Total	143,300,000	115,800,000
University of Hawai'i at Hilo	Renovation, Capital Renewal, and Backlog	36,531,000	20,250,000
	University of Hawai'i at Hilo Total	36,531,000	20,250,000
Community Colleges			
Hawai'i Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	9,242,000	2,195,000
Honolulu Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	17,763,000	4,906,000
Kapi olani Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	8,294,000	3,973,000
Kaua'i Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	1,743,000	1,448,000
Leeward Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	17,556,000	4,654,000
Maui College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	7,966,000	6,036,000
Windward Community College	Capital Renewal and Backlog	4,132,000	1,940,000
	Community College Total	66,696,000	25,152,000
Systemwide Total		246,527,000	161,202,000

The total listing for high priority renovation, capital renewal, and reduction of backlogged maintenance projects is \$246.527 million, of which \$161.202 million are "shovel ready."

Also, it is our preference that Part IV, Section 6, Items C, D, and E be consolidated into one appropriation for the University of Hawai'i System, as the Legislature has done historically when appropriating for such purposes in the Executive budgets. A lump sum appropriation provides the University with the administrative flexibility to distribute funds equitably based on the priority of projects that are shovel ready.

In addition, the University supports those provisions in this measure which would streamline the procurement process for the capital improvement projects authorized by this bill as provided in Part VII.

We realize that our needs are many, and that there are limited resources for other competing needs. HB 2145 HD2 Proposed SD1 has the potential to positively impact the physical environment at all of our campuses, which will benefit the entire University of Hawai'i community and the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.