



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 1392 HD1 – RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HAWAII'S MOVING IMAGES

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

'Ulu'ulu: the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni (HKG) Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i was designated as the official state archive for moving images under Act 90, SLH 2012. HB1392 HD1 appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for 'Ulu'ulu to support the activities of the moving image archive. ***UH West O'ahu supports HB1392 HD1.***

Over two years ago, UH West O'ahu partnered with the Guigni Archives on creating a central repository of video and film produced by and in Hawai'i that would serve as a valuable resource for the community. The Guigni Archives is now housed in the library of the new UH West O'ahu campus in Kapolei and includes over 11,000 square feet of state of the art archive space, a massive temperature controlled vault and public areas for scholarship, conferences, citizens and tourists wishing to see what Hawai'i once looked like.

We are proud to partner with the HKG Archives to preserve Hawaii's history on video and film and ***we support this measure provided its passage does not compete with other priorities currently in the University's budget.***