



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

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Chairs Sakamoto and Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committees on Education and Water, Land, and Agriculture:

SB 2475 proposes the financing of \$1.092 million in general obligation bonds for the development of a new office building for extension programs on Moloka'i. This cooperative extension program is operated by the University of Hawai'i at M noa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

The Board of Regents' Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2003-2005 included \$1.234 million for a new facility for the Moloka'i Extension Office, which is parallel to the intent of SB 2475. This \$1.234 million project was included in the University's Minor CIP request; however, it was left unfunded by the 2003 Legislature. The Minor CIP project is not included in the Board of Regents' CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2004-2005.

While we support the intent of the bill, we have reservations if the proposed appropriation replaces the priorities of the Board of Regents' CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2004-2005.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2475.