



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Chair Takai, Vice Chair Tamayo, and Members of the  
Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SCR 20 (SSCR 2547). The purpose of this resolution is to request that the University of Hawai'i update the 1994 "DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES" master building plan for the College of Education.

The University is in the process of preparing a Long-Range Development Plan for the entire Mānoa campus, and the College of Education facilities will be included as an integral part of that plan.

It is certainly true that the College of Education's capacity to produce teachers needs to be increased. That issue is being considered in S.B. 3238, S.D.2, H.D.1. It is also true that the University has increased the college's capacity by providing funds for outreach to the neighbor islands and that the college has been very successful in securing external grants and contracts.

Building space available is not sufficient to accommodate the current expanded outreach efforts and faculty and staff hired through grants and contracts. The facilities are also not adequate for needed new faculty in teacher education. To make matters worse, the Department of Accounting and General Services has found that three large College of Education buildings are obsolete; "...not meeting current standards and posing safety and health hazards".

Given these facts, it is appropriate for the University to update the master building plan for the College of Education, which was developed in 1994 by the Department of Accounting and General Services. We will address this as a part of the Mānoa Long Range Plan.

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