

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

TESTIMONY

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Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii supports SCR 175 which requests the University to provide a report to the State Legislature regarding the status of the 2004 flood damage.

In addition to the \$25M in insurance claims, the University of Hawaii is continuing to work diligently to obtain financial assistance from the federal, state, and private sector to cover the costs of this immense undertaking and we are hopeful that SB 667 SD2 HD1 which gives the University of Hawaii an emergency appropriation will move through the legislative process swiftly.

We look forward to getting all the affected buildings and facilities on the Manoa campus back up to the pre-flood conditions so the students and faculty can continue the transformation of lives brought about by higher education and will be happy to report back to the 2006 Legislature as requested in this resolution.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.