



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Chairs Kokubun, Hee, Ige and Inouye and members of this joint hearing, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 2476.

Section 6 under Article X of the Hawaii State Constitution states that the Board of Regents shall have “exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management and operation of the university.”

Hawaii Revised Statutes 304-4 states that the Board of Regents “shall have management and control of the general affairs, and exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization and management, of the university.”

The people of the State of Hawaii voted in November 2000 to provide autonomy to the University of Hawaii and allow the Board of Regents “exclusive jurisdiction” over the management of the university and we feel that including the University of Hawaii in SB 2476 would render the bill unconstitutional.

Should this joint committee consider passing out this bill, we would recommend removing Section 3 from the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2476.