



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 1994 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa supports the intent of SB 1994 which makes an appropriation for a capital improvement project for the campus center facilities at the Mānoa campus. SB 1994 authorizes the issuance of general obligation and revenue bonds and appropriates revolving funds to expand and renovate the existing campus center facilities.

The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents included this project in its CIP Budget for fiscal biennium 2007-2009. The renovation and expansion project was initiated by student leaders from the Mānoa Campus Center Board, a student governance organization that governs the campus center facilities. At their request and based on their demonstration of student needs and interest in improving the quality of campus life through renovated and expanded student center facilities, the University’s Board of Regents approved an increase in the Campus Center Fee to cover the debt service of the revenue bonds issued to support the project. In short, students convinced first themselves and then the University Administration and the Board of Regents that they were willing to pay a higher Campus Center fee in order to create the kind of campus center that would contribute to the quality of their college experience. We support this initiative that will no doubt promote a more vibrant University campus life and encourage your approval of SB 1994. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.