



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 140/SR 94 — REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
SECOND CENTURY PROMISE TASK FORCE

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of these resolutions is to create a University of Hawai'i Second Century Promise Task Force to develop a funding formula for state funds to the University of Hawai'i System. The University supports the intent of the resolutions and welcomes the opportunity to participate in an analysis of the appropriate funding scheme for the University. We would note that we hope that "formula funding" is approached in its broadest sense and that a variety of models be considered.

Also according to the resolutions, the task force is to include participation by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) and the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). Both parties have the potential to provide keen insight about our funding model in comparison to other states as well as relevant data and we support their inclusion. We respectfully request that, if the resolutions pass, monies be allocated to secure the services of these external agencies. We would suggest an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.