



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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House Health Committee

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SCR 199 SD1

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPAND AND EXTEND ITS CURRENT LAND LEASE WITH LEAHI HOSPITAL TO FACILITATE CAMPUS-WIDE MASTER PLANNING AND LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF GERIATRIC AND LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the committee:

This resolution requests that the University of Hawai'i expand and extend the current land lease with Leahi Hospital to allow for the effective development and implementation of a campus master plan that will benefit those in need of long-term health care.

The University of Hawai'i currently has a lease with the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for the Leahi Hospital site for 25 years that commenced on July 1, 2002, and runs through June 30, 2027, with provisions for up to three (3) extensions in increments of five (5) years upon mutual agreement of the parties.

The 2006 Hawai'i State Legislature passed SCR 140, SD1, "Requesting Leahi Hospital to Develop a Master Plan and Financial Feasibility Report for its Existing Campus That Will Take Advantage of Its Unique Location and Relationships in East Honolulu." The Resolution states in part ". . . that Leahi Hospital is requested to submit the proposed master plan and financial feasibility report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; . . ."

Therefore, the University of Hawai'i recommends that SCR 199 SD1 be deferred until the 2008 Legislature has been able to review and evaluate the report required by SCR 140, SD1 (2006).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.