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Chairs Chun Oakland and Ige, Vice Chairs Ihara and Fukunaga, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 3237, Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan.

In last year's executive summary to the interim report generated by SCR 140/2006, one of the five factors listed under Overall Conclusion was:

- Obtain a long-term site lease from the University of Hawai'i is required to attract strong commitment and funding for the changes needed.

That factor generated HCR 89/2007.

In a June 1, 2007, letter to UH President David McClain, both HHSC President / CEO Thomas Driskill, Jr., and O'ahu Region CEO Vincent Lee stated "We strongly feel that the University of Hawaii's participation and support is integral in our efforts to rejuvenate the Leahi campus."

Over the past two legislative sessions with the passing of SCR140/2006 and HCR 89/2007 we have been invited to and have participated with HHSC in its initial steps in developing Leahi's on-site master plan.

The University of Hawai'i has a vested interest in the Leahi Hospital campus.

- Two of our John A. Burns School of Medicine programs currently occupy over 14,000 square feet of space in four buildings on the Leahi campus.
- Kapi'olani Community College utilizes four classrooms and four faculty offices in the Sinclair Building.
- The University of Hawai'i has a lease with HHSC for the Leahi Hospital site that runs through June 30, 2027, with the option of three 5-year extensions that could take it to 2042.

Based on the preceding information, the University of Hawai'i kindly requests that it be included as a member of the task force to develop the long term master plan for Leahi Hospital.