



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SCR 201/SR 115 – REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN FOR LONG-TERM CARE FOR LEAHI HOSPITAL

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 201/SR 115, Requesting the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to Establish a Task Force to Assist in Developing a Master Plan for Long-Term Care for Leahi Hospital.

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 Hawaii 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 Oahu 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 SCR 140/2006 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 Hawaii 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.
- Kapiolani Community College utilizes four classrooms and four faculty offices in the Sinclair Building.
- The University of Hawaii has a lease with HHSC for the Leahi Hospital site that runs through June 30, 2027, with the option for three 5-year extensions that could take it to 2042.

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