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SCR 235/SR138 – REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MANOA
EXPAND UPON A MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY, THAT
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT HILO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE PROGRAM IN
CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND THAT THE STATE HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION DIVISION REVIVE ITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP.

Chairs Tokuda, Sakamoto, Fukunaga, Hee, Vice Chairs, and members of the Senate Committees:

I am Linda K. Johnsrud, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy at the
University of Hawai‘i System, and I am testifying on behalf of the University. Senate
Concurrent Resolution 235 / Senate Resolution 138 strongly encourages the University
of Hawai‘i at Mānoa to continue to develop and implement a Master of Arts program in
applied archaeology and to expand this program to its neighbor island campuses
including the planned graduate program in cultural resources management being
developed at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

The University of Hawai‘i strongly agrees with the importance of protecting Hawai‘i’s
cultural and historic heritage, and appreciates the intent of SCR235/SR138 to help
resolve the present historic preservation crisis by training and educating professionals.
The UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology was established in 2007 to train
students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai‘i, and in its second year is
receiving increased applications from Hawai‘i students.

We support the intent of the resolution to encourage the University to continue to
develop its program in applied archaeology, but must rely on each campus to weigh its
priorities against other critical needs in the face of scarce resources. In the case of the
Mānoa campus, health and safety issues related to repairs and maintenance must take
precedence at this time if we are to uphold our mission of serving the state.

In the case of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, our campus there has testified in support
of a Cultural Resource Management program at their campus, stating however, that
they would need funding to expand their faculty numbers to support such a program.

We appreciate your support for the University of Hawaii, and thank you for the
opportunity to testify on this resolution.