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SB 2265 – Relating to the Departments of Health and Human Services.

The University of Hawai'i supports the need to quantify the consequences of reducing vital state services provided by the Departments of Health and Human Services.

An analysis of the economic repercussions of reducing services on agencies, individuals and communities is an extremely complex task. To be done properly this task would involve extensive data collection, surveying, interviewing, focus group activities, and advanced economic modeling. This type of analysis is beyond the current capacity of the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO). Performing such analysis would require a significant increase in resources and staff levels. We request that the bill, if passed, be amended so as not to adversely impact UHERO's very limited staff and budget resources.

We would welcome a meeting with interested parties to discuss the issues raised in this resolution.