



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 206 REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAI'ANAE COAST
HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE, SHORT-, AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE
HOMELESS AND THOSE AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

Chairs Chun Oakland and Sakamoto and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i stand committed and ready to meet the educational and workforce needs of the citizens of the Leeward Coast, with the goal of providing these individuals with the skills, aptitudes and/or degree certifications to realize a livelihood that contributes to the support of themselves and their families. The University of Hawai'i can also offer critical support that aims to gather data leading to a deeper understanding of the issues and etiology, develop highly coordinated services, propose social policies related to economics and land use, and streamline treatment approaches.