



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SCR 206 SD1 - 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

Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Chong and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i stands 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.