



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Aloha. Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i and for the opportunity to provide testimony and recommendations on this draft proposal.

The University of Hawai'i supports the proposed measures contained in Part II of this bill to reclassify or repeal certain special, revolving and trust funds of the University of Hawai'i, which agrees with the proposed measures contained in SB 814 SD1 – Relating to Certain Funds of the University of Hawai'i. However, we respectfully request that the following change be made to conform to the wording of SB 814;

In Part II, SECTION 19, the University requests that all fund balances remaining unencumbered and unexpended as of June 30, 2011, in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa conference center revolving fund be transferred to the University of Hawai'i commercial enterprises revolving fund established under section 304A-2251, Hawai'i Revised Statutes instead of the general fund as currently drafted. The transferred fund balances, if any, could then be used productively in furthering the University's efforts in revenue generation through the goods and services produced by University programs.

With regard to University of Hawai'i related measures in Part V, Section 60, the University has no objection to the repeal of the Education laboratory school summer programs revolving fund (Section 304A-2266).

We do, however, have serious concerns over the proposed repeal, in Part V, Section 59, of the University of Hawai'i student activities revolving fund (Section 304A-2257), and Part VI, Section 65, which would transfer any unencumbered balances in the fund as of June 30, 2011 to the state general fund. These are funds that students have paid in activity fees for chartered student organizations and student activity programs to fund the operations of such organizations and programs as the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i, the Graduate Student Organization, the Campus Center Board,

the Student Activity and Program Fee Board, the Board of Publications, and others. Their operations would be endangered by this measure and the fees paid by students would be put into the state general fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this draft proposal.