



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 1331 SD2 HD1 - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 1331 SD2 HD1 which amends section 304A-2007, HRS, to require additional reporting by the University of Hawai'i on special and revolving funds.

As provided in our previous testimony to the House Committee on Higher Education, the University requests that the amended language in subsection (b) (2) read as follows (underlining has been added for emphasis of where additions and revisions are recommended):

- “(2) For each fund, listed by program identification number, that has an unencumbered cash balance of \$1,000,000 or more or a cash deficit of \$1,000,000 or more at the end of the previous fiscal year, where that balance or deficit is greater than twenty-five percent of the previous fiscal year’s expenditures, the estimated:
- (A) Expenses for the current fiscal year;
 - (B) Revenues for the current fiscal year; and
 - (C) Unencumbered cash balance or cash deficit at the end of the current fiscal year.”

The senate draft of this bill also included language for an appropriation to the University of Hawai'i to complete the implementation and support for the Kualii Financial System (KFS), the financial management and accounting system replacement to the University’s 20 year old legacy system. The KFS system is a modular, open source financial accounting system, developed by the higher education community incorporating the unique requirements and best industry practices across U.S. colleges and universities. The implementation of KFS will result in improved efficiencies, greater accountability, and improved financial and decision-support reporting for stakeholders at all levels. We respectfully request the committee consider such an appropriation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this measure.