



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 78/SR 45 – REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO ADDRESS THE
ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE SENATE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i has concerns with SCR 78/SR 45, which requests the Legislative Auditor to address the issues and concerns raised by the Senate Special Committee on Accountability relating to the University of Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents is responsible for the internal structure, management, and operation of the University of Hawai'i System. The Board of Regents, with the assistance of its Advisory Task Group (ATG), has conducted a detailed review of the events surrounding last summer's failed concert and related policies, practices, and procedures, and corrective action has been taken. The ATG is currently engaged in Phase 2 of its work, which involves a detailed review and assessment of the Board and the University System.

The Board of Regents is appropriately exercising its responsibilities, and further action by the Legislature or Legislative Auditor in this area is not needed. Moreover, the University is concerned that such action could be viewed as contributing to an environment that has caused concerns to be expressed by the University's accrediting body, the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, in its recent action letter to UH.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these resolutions.