



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 198 / SR 133 – ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO MOVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA CAMPUS TO OTHER STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS.

Chairs Dela Cruz and Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Inouye, and members of the Government Operations and Higher Education and the Arts Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) is supportive of the intent of SCR198 / SR 133. This Resolution would encourage UH to work with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to develop a plan to move statewide system support offices out of UH-Mānoa and to other state-owned buildings.

The University recognizes that its system is more than one campus and that housing administrative offices on any academic campus impacts the resources available for instruction or research at that campus. However, it is necessary to point out that UH System does have a wide view perspective on all its operations and believes that administrative services do support instructional and research activities. Access to administrative operations and services needs to be relatively easy for the students that use them while supporting the function of faculty as well.

UH is supportive of this exploratory approach with DAGS because it would provide a contemporary and relevant examination of options in the area of space management on campus. UH would look forward to working with DAGS to develop a plan that could be considered as an option to free up space on the UH Mānoa campus where the UH System offices are currently located.

Finally, it is important to remember that placing these offices in a new site will require additional resources that need to be provided. Currently, the UH System is budgeted with appropriated funds by the Legislature (in UOH 900). The UH System does not generate any tuition or special fund revenues. Expenses of the System provide

generally disbursed administrative services and there is no funding for the leasing of private office space. Additional appropriation for leasing of space would have to be a consideration in this report if existing State-provided space is not available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.