



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
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by

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HB 2671 – Relating to a Kakaako Makai Parking Structure

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and committee members:

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 2671 that authorizes the issuance of general obligation bond funds to HCDA for planning a centralized parking structure in Kakaako Makai.

We concur with the intent of the bill that provides for efficient master planning of the parking requirements in the makai area of Kakaako and commit to working closely with HCDA in their planning of this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 2671.



HB2671
RELATING TO A KAKA'AKO MAKAI PARKING STRUCTURE

Date: February 22, 2008
Room: 308

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chairman Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee, and members on the Committee of Finance. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) respectfully submits the following testimony in **support of HB2671.**

Our testimony is based on the substance of the legislation that proposes to issue general obligation bonds towards the planning and construction of a centralized parking structure in Kaka'ako Makai. The need for such a structure is becoming increasingly apparent given the current and proposed increase in development in this region of Downtown Honolulu.

As you are aware, the University of Hawai'i's planned second phase of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Cancer Research Center, the propose Regional Biosafety Laboratory, as well as OHA's planned office building and cultural center all have a need to for excess parking. Such a public parking structure will not only allow access to these government facilities, but also allow greater access and enjoyment of the Children's Discovery Center and the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park and the shoreline between Kewalo Basin and Honolulu Harbor.

Legislative funding for a central parking structure will also alleviate some of the financial strain being placed upon the aforementioned development projects due to increased construction costs and a slowing economy, and allow for their implementation and completion.

Further, by providing the Hawaii Community Development Authority with funds for the planning of the parking structure will allow this agency to further its overall development program in the Kaka'ako Makai area towards a public benefit.

Mahalo for your time and we again urge the Committee on Finance's favorable consideration of this measure.

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HB 2671 – Relating to a Kaka'ako Makai Parking Structure

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

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is playing a critical role in the development of a life sciences complex in Kaka'ako. The recently completed medical school continues to flourish as we continue to train future doctors, as well as expand our biomedical research activities. The University is home to the only National Cancer Institute (NIH) designated Cancer Research Center which is in the process of planning for relocation to Kaka'ako. Finally, over 30 million dollars has been received from the NIH to assist in the design and construction of a Regional Biosafety Laboratory for the State of Hawai'i in Kaka'ako.

A significant impediment to the planned growth and expansion is parking. While it is clear that the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa must bear some of the cost of a regional parking solution, the proposed bill would allow for some of the costs to be borne by the state, which is a reasonable and fair approach for such a mixed used facility. In fact, absent such a facility, it is clear that the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa could not implement the planned move of the cancer center.

The University of Hawai'i offers its strongest support of this legislation.



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

February 21, 2008

WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

By

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Hearing Date: Friday, February 22, 2008
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To: Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance

Re: HB 2671 – Relating to a Kaka‘ako Makai Parking Structure

Good morning Chair Oshiro and members. I am Paul Quintiliani, Director of the Commercial Asset Division for the Kamehameha Schools. Kamehameha Schools is in support of HB 2671 – Relating to a Kaka‘ako Makai Parking Structure.

The exponential cost increase for parking structures in the immediate past has challenged the viability of new public and private developments in Honolulu such as the current and future uses in Kaka‘ako. Presently, providing adequate parking is a challenge for The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (“JABSOM”), The University of Hawaii Cancer Research Center (“CRCH”), and The Asia Pacific Research Center (“APRC”) to be developed on land owned by Kamehameha Schools.

The HCDA completed a Kaka‘ako Makai Area Parking Study by Wilbur Smith and Associates (“WSA”) and International Parking Design (“IPD”) on May 30, 2007 (the “Parking Study”). Among the many findings in the study, it was determined that a good parking management plan can further growth and economic development opportunities in the area, and that parking management is a valuable tool to maintain a healthy commerce without building excessive and expensive parking facilities.

Shared Parking (or District Parking) is an increasingly favored parking management approach to optimize redevelopment within districts such as Kaka‘ako. The creation of centralized parking facilities can reduce the total amount of required parking and lower development costs. District Parking is also a key recommendation set forth in the WSA Parking Study.

While the WSA/IPD Parking Study was an important first step in the migration towards a District Parking approach in Kaka‘ako, there is substantially more effort required before the concepts advanced within the Parking Study can be implemented. Therefore, Kamehameha Schools supports HB2671. Specifically, this measure will provide needed legislative funding to continue planning efforts undertaken to date by HCDA, JABSOM, CRCH and Kamehameha Schools that will eventually result in the delivery of the most cost effective solution to a critical need throughout the Kaka‘ako.

Kamehameha Schools respectfully requests passage of this bill.