



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HR139 REQUESTING HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH A
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP TO RECOMMEND A NAME FOR THE
WEST HAWAII CAMPUS OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
COMMONLY KNOWN AS HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER, WEST HAWAII CAMPUS

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the naming of the West Hawai'i campus. As you know, we are actively engaged in the creation of the long range development plan for the campus and in the design of the first buildings in Phase I of the campus development. This development is long overdue and, while there is still much to be done, we look forward to creating more opportunities for West Hawai'i residents to access the benefits of higher education.

Authority for the naming of the campus rests with the Board of Regents, and we will likely be asking the Regents to designate a name as part of their approval of the long range development plan. Such a name must also be consistent with our accreditation standards.

We are actively soliciting community input as part of the long range development plan process and would incorporate any feedback on naming within that context. We would not like to separate the naming from the rest of the development through the creation of a separate task force but will guarantee appropriate consultation of community interests.

Thank you for your interest in the development of expanded educational opportunities on the Big Island.

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