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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 15, 2011
3:00 P.M.

HOUSE BILL NO. 79
RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Chairperson Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 79 relating to state funds. Section 2 of this bill proposes to repeal on June 30, 2012 all special and revolving funds in existence as of June 30, 2010 and deposits all unencumbered and unexpended balances of the funds into the general fund. The Department of Agriculture strongly opposes this section of the bill.

Approximately 67% of the department's budget is comprised of special and revolving funds. Many departmental programs, including the Agricultural Loan, Rabies Quarantine and Agricultural Park programs are fully supported by special or revolving funds. The majority of other departmental programs are partially funded by these types of funds to support their operations. These resources enable the department to provide valuable services to the agricultural industry as well as the general public. As the current state of the economy requires a decreased reliance on general funds, the repeal of all special and revolving funds will be counterproductive to these efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Aaron Cornelison (Chairman of Kapi'olani Community College Student Congress)

Date: February 8, 2011

RE: HB 79 (Opposed)

Given the current state of Hawaii's financial situation, I understand the need for measures like HB 79.

However, I am opposed to any such action that would affect the UH student activities revolving fund – which includes all revenues received by chartered student organizations and student activity programs.

The passage of HB 79 (as is) would be detrimental to our organization and it would severely hinder our ability to function as the representative voice of nearly 9,000 students at Kapi'olani Community College.

Therefore, I am opposed to HB 79 with its current language.

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the bill HB 79. Graduate student fee raises were justified by the GSO assembly to specifically support the GSO Grants and Awards program, and provide funding on a competitive basis for excelling students to go to conferences and further their research. By automatically repealing these funds, it would cripple the grants and awards program. Students would no longer have a reason to pay these additional fees if they were to be automatically absorbed into state general fund.

Sincerely,

Norman Wang

GSO Treasurer 2007-2009

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Honorable Legislators:

I oppose bill HB 79. An increase in graduate student fees (held by these funds) was justified to support the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization Grants and Awards program. This Awards program provides competitive grants to excelling students who might otherwise not have an opportunity to attend off-island conferences. Repealing these funds would cripple this program. Graduate students perform much of the "grunt" work that drives research at the University; and they are in a unique place that is one of the most geographically isolated in the world. Not only would an automatic repeal effectively defraud these students by redirecting their fees to unintended purposes, but it would also disconnect them further from opportunities that maintain and move the University forward.

Mahalo,

Thomas Wolfgruber
Past UHM GSO Vice President

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February 15, 2011

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 79 - RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 79 is to repeal, terminate, or close certain revolving and trust funds and establishes provisions for automatic repeal of special and revolving funds beginning on 6/30/12.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) is unclear on the intent of this bill and to which special and revolving funds the automatic repeal provision in this bill would apply.

DHS has revolving and special fund accounts that are federal requirements as well as trust accounts which are funded by donations and grants to the Department for specific purposes, and in one trust fund, income earned by the beneficiary of the trust fund. DHS does not believe that the elimination of these accounts and the transfer of the funds into the State Treasury as general funds is appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Department of Land and Natural Resources
 Non-General Funds (excluding Federal Funds)
 As of 01/27/2011

		<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Audited</u>	<u>Unencumbered Cash Balance</u>	<u>MOF</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
LNR 101	S-316/318	Special Land Development Fund	Y	3,165,134.10	B	Section 171-19, HRS
LNR 101	S-317	Land Conservation Fund	Y	4,214,540.97	B	HRS, Chapter 173A
LNR 101	S-325	Beach restoration Special Fund	Y	336,078.34	B	Section 171-156, HRS
LNR 101	S-327	Infrastructure Development Fund	Y	45,089.12	B	Section 171-19, HRS
LNR 111	S-309	Bureau and Conveyances Special Fund	Y	1,097,390.96	B	Section 502-8, HRS
LNR 141	S-303	Water and Land Development	Y	1,410,276.54	B	Act 180, SLH 2010 (operating fund)
LNR 141	S-335	Accrued Vacation and Sick Leave Fund	Y	582,189.39	W	Act 180, SLH 2010 (operating fund)
LNR 153	S-313	Commercial Fisheries Special Fund	Y	511,685.27	B	Section 189-2.4, HRS
LNR 172	S-347	Forest Stewardship Fund	Y	1,815,633.72	B	Section 195F-4, HRS
LNR 402	S-314	Native Resources and Fire Protection Program	Y	826,354.95	B	Act 200, SLH 2003
LNR 404	S-326	Water Resource Management Fund	Y	1,562,305.23	B	Section 174C-5.5, HRS
LNR 405	S-302	Conservation and Resources Enforcement	Y	337,254.74	B	Act 296, SLH 1996 (operating fund)
LNR 405	S-344	Conservation and Resources Enforcement	Y	1,647.97	W	Section 183D-10.5, HRS
LNR 407	S-342	Natural Area Reserve Fund	Y	453,681.49	B	Act 326, SLH 1991, HRS 195-9
LNR 801	S-359/360	Ocean-Based Recreation	Y	(700,819.26)	B	Section 246-8, HRS
LNR 801	S-351	Recreational Renaissance - Boating	Y	135,955.25	B	Administratively Established
LNR 802	S-321	Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund	Y	26,543.19	B	Section 6E-16, HRS
LNR 804	S-306	Na Ala Hele Program	Y	782,302.32	B	HRS, Section 198D-2
LNR 804	S-343	Wildlife Revolving Fund	Y	(14,866.10)	W	Section 183D-10.5, HRS
LNR 804	S-352	Recreational Renaissance - Forestry	Y	17,321.84	B	Administratively Established
LNR 805	S-348	Sport Fish Special Fund	Y	88,857.59	B	Section 187A-9.5, HRS
LNR 806	S-305	Parks Administration and Operations - HTA funds	Y	672,789.22	B	Administratively Established
LNR 806	S-312	State Parks Special Fund	Y	188,186.03	B	Section 184-3.4, HRS
LNR 806	S-350	Recreational Renaissance - State Parks	Y	82,390.79	B	Administratively Established
LNR 810	S-323	Prevention of Natural Disasters	Y	483,812.33	B	Act 180, SLH 2010 (operating fund)
LNR 810	S-328	Dam and Reservoir Safety Special Fund	Y	565,121.46	B	Chapter 179D-25, HRS
LNR 906	S-308	Natural and Physical Environment	Y	666,225.79	B	Act 200, SLH 2003
			TOTAL -	\$19,353,083.24		

Because of the Receipt of Federal Funds
 The Department undergoes an annual single audit that covers all accounts.