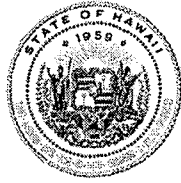


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Regular Session of 2011

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
9:20 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 120, Proposed S.D. 1 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner"), testifying on behalf of the Insurance Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department").

The Department opposes the Proposed S.D. 1.

Section 3 of the Proposed S.D. 1 repeals the patients' compensation fund and transfers moneys in the patients' compensation fund to the general fund on July 1, 2011.

The statutory authority for the patients' compensation fund was repealed by Act 232, Session Laws of Hawaii 1984 ("Act 232"), because the fund was insolvent since claims exceeded available funds.

Act 232 expressly allowed the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to continue administering the fund until moneys in the fund were exhausted and to make payments for claims for judgments, awards, and settlements against health care providers.

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Counsel for the patient compensation fund rendered an opinion in 1984 stating that claims could not be determined for another 24 years based upon the statute of limitations for injured parties who had not reached the age of majority. The statute of limitations ran on May 31, 2008.

The Insurance Division began processing claims and published a notice to claimants about the claims process and distribution of assets. The Insurance Division has made previous distributions to claimants and is currently working on a final determination of all claims.

Known outstanding claims against the fund amount to \$4.8 mil. and the current fund balance amounts to \$4.367 mil.

In Report No. 10-09 dated November 2010, the Legislative Auditor's Report found that the patient's compensation fund meets trust fund criteria, as it continues to serve the purpose for which it was originally created.

Section 31 of the Proposed S.D. 1 transfers \$1.5 mil. of the compliance resolution fund to the general fund for fiscal year 2011-2012. In *Hawaii Insurers Council v. Lingle*, 120 Haw. 51 (2008), the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that the transfer of \$3.5 mil. from the compliance resolution fund to the general fund was unconstitutional, as a violation of the separation of powers doctrine. As such, the compliance resolution fund was reimbursed from the general fund \$3.5 mil. on July 21, 2009.

Section 52 of the Proposed S.D. 1 deletes the reference to the loss mitigation grant fund in the discussion of the repeal of Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund ("HHRF"). The Department does not object to this change, because the reference to the loss mitigation grant fund is unnecessary in the first place.

Sections 53 and 54 of the Proposed S.D. 1 delete references to the loss mitigation grant fund from HHRF statutes, HRS §§ 431P-16(i) and 431P-16.5. The Department does not object to this change because the reference to the loss mitigation grant fund is unnecessary.

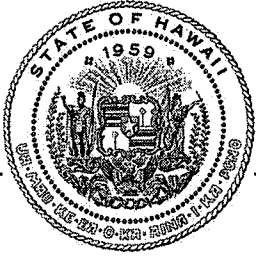
With respect to section 54 on statutory immunity, the Department does not object to this deletion because it does not change the substance. However, the Department

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believes the change in section 54 is unnecessary and does not improve the State's position in any potential litigation.

Section 63 of the Proposed S.D. 1 repeals the loss mitigation grant fund in HRS § 431:22-102. Since the loss mitigation grant program was discontinued in 2008, the Department does not object to the concept of the repeal. If repeal is desired, the Department suggests repeal of the entire Article 22 of the Insurance Code, HRS chapter 431, since it enables the loss mitigation grant program.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter and respectfully request that this bill be held.



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in consideration of
SB 120 SD1 Proposed
RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) opposes SB 120 SD1 Proposed, which would transfer at least \$500,000 in excess of the requirements of the Energy Security Special Fund into the state general fund. This bill could potentially shut down Hawaii's Energy Office and completely halt our progress towards energy security and independence.

In addition, DBEDT opposes Section 30 of SB 120, SD1 Proposed, which would transfer \$2,000,000 from the aloha tower fund to the general fund. These funds are intended to be used to pay the Aloha Tower Development Corporation's obligations to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Energy Security Special Fund

The Hawaii State Energy Office's programs and personnel are currently funded under the Federal State Energy Program Petroleum Violation escrow Fund (PVE) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The PVE and ARRA funds will run out on June 30, 2011 and April 30, 2012, respectively. It is critical and imperative that we establish a

sustainable, predictable, and adequate funding source for the State Energy Office if we are to continue our efforts towards energy independence and energy security. The Energy Security Special Fund is the only funding source that will be available for the State Energy Office. It is the lifeline of the agency that is propelling to reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuel so that, monies will remain in our economy to create jobs, increase income, and increase state tax revenues.

The Hawaii State Energy Office has achieved so much in the last three short years, and has made a difference in effecting Hawaii's clean energy transformation. It has been a catalyst in creating over 11,000 green jobs in 2010, encouraged the flow of renewable investments to Hawaii totaling \$349 million in 2009, and expected to increase to \$1.2 billion in 2011. The Hawaii State Energy Office has also secured several millions of federal funds and grants for Hawaii's energy programs and activities to transform the state to a clean energy economy. Energy is and will continue to be an economic growth engine for Hawaii. Providing funding to the energy program and personnel will benefit Hawaii's economy, tax revenues, as well as environment. Funding the Hawaii State Energy Office is in Hawaii's best interest. We urge you NOT to raid the appropriated amounts to the Energy Security Special Fund.

Aloha Tower Fund

DBEDT opposes Section 30 of SB 120, SD1 Proposed, which would transfer \$2,000,000 from the aloha tower fund to the general fund. These funds are intended to be used to pay the Aloha Tower Development Corporation's obligations to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the statutorily mandated losses in revenues incurred by the DOT while the ATDC's leases the Aloha Tower project area lands. If the \$2,000,000 is swept from the Aloha Tower Fund, the ATDC will not be able to pay the losses in revenues to the DOT. Therefore the \$2,000,000 that is proposed to be transferred is not "in excess of the fund requirements."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 1, 2011 at 9:20 a.m.
Room 211, State Capitol

In consideration of
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RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

The HHFDC has the following ***specific comments and concerns*** on S.B. 120, Proposed S.D. 1, as it applies to funds within our control. We defer to the appropriate departments and agencies with respect to the remainder of the bill.

Section 44 (page 26, line 18 through page 27, line 2) transfers \$41,100 from the Rental Assistance Revolving Fund into the General Fund. We believe this is the Waialua Sugar Workers Grant/Loan Program Revolving Fund, which was established to provide low-interest emergency loans and rental subsidies to former employees and retirees of the Waialua Sugar Company after closure of the plantation, not the Rental Assistance Revolving Fund. There is an outstanding loan, and outstanding liabilities of approximately \$39,600 charged against this fund. As such \$1,500 could be transferred to the General Fund.

Section 45 (page 27, lines 3 through 8) transfers \$518,193 from the "Rental Housing Assistance Fund" (sic). We believe this is the third indenture of the Rental Housing System, and the correct name of the fund is the U.H. Faculty Housing Project Series 1995 Bond Proceed Special Fund.

HHFDC does not oppose this provision, as the bonds were retired. However, we request that the language be amended to reflect the correct fund name.

Section 55 (page 32, lines 5 through 11) and section 56 (page 32, line 12 through page 33, line 11) amend Chapter 516, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to delete references to the Fee Simple Residential Revolving Fund. Section 64 (page 45, line 9 through page 46) repeals the Fee Simple Residential Revolving Fund established in section 516-44, HRS.

The Fee Simple Residential Revolving Fund was established to account for revenues, receipts, and expenditures of the State's Land Reform Program. The fund also accounts for arbitration receipts and expenditures of the lease rent renegotiation program for single family dwellings and cooperative housing corporations. The purpose of the Land Reform program is to promote fee simple ownership of residential lots to ease the inflation of prices for both fee simple and leasehold residential lots and to disburse ownership of fee simple residential lots to as many people as possible. Revenues are derived from administrative and tract costs charged to lessees participating in the program. Receipts reimburse actual arbitration services performed by designated arbitrators. There is a clear link between the benefit sought and charges made upon users. In addition, the fund is self-sustaining and does not require any General Fund appropriations. The fund therefore meets the criteria of a revolving fund.

Deletion of the Fee Simple Residential Revolving Fund would make it necessary for HHFDC to seek General Fund appropriations to continue administration of the Land Reform and residential lease rent renegotiation programs. Therefore, HHFDC opposes these provisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 1, 2011 at 9:20 a.m.

by
Howard Todo
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SB 120 Proposed SD1 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Aloha. Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i and for the opportunity to provide testimony and recommendations on this draft proposal.

The University of Hawai'i supports the proposed measures contained in Part II of this bill to reclassify or repeal certain special, revolving and trust funds of the University of Hawai'i, which agrees with the proposed measures contained in SB 814 SD1 – Relating to Certain Funds of the University of Hawai'i. However, we respectfully request that the following change be made to conform to the wording of SB 814;

In Part II, SECTION 19, the University requests that all fund balances remaining unencumbered and unexpended as of June 30, 2011, in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa conference center revolving fund be transferred to the University of Hawai'i commercial enterprises revolving fund established under section 304A-2251, Hawai'i Revised Statutes instead of the general fund as currently drafted. The transferred fund balances, if any, could then be used productively in furthering the University's efforts in revenue generation through the goods and services produced by University programs.

With regard to University of Hawai'i related measures in Part V, Section 60, the University has no objection to the repeal of the Education laboratory school summer programs revolving fund (Section 304A-2266).

We do, however, have serious concerns over the proposed repeal, in Part V, Section 59, of the University of Hawai'i student activities revolving fund (Section 304A-2257), and Part VI, Section 65, which would transfer any unencumbered balances in the fund as of June 30, 2011 to the state general fund. These are funds that students have paid in activity fees for chartered student organizations and student activity programs to fund the operations of such organizations and programs as the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i, the Graduate Student Organization, the Campus Center Board,

the Student Activity and Program Fee Board, the Board of Publications, and others. Their operations would be endangered by this measure and the fees paid by students would be put into the state general fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this draft proposal.

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Repeal special and revolving funds

BILL NUMBER: SB 120, Proposed SD-1

INTRODUCED BY: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

BRIEF SUMMARY: Repeals various special funds and transfers the balances from the special funds into the general fund:

- Travel agency recovery fund
- Travel agency education fund
- Patients' compensation fund
- Western Governors University special fund (HRS 304A-2158)
- UH housing assistance revolving fund (HRS 304A-2258)
- Conference center revolving fund; UH Manoa (HRS 304A-2264)
- International exchange healthcare tourism revolving fund (HRS 304A-2265)
- Community college and UH at Hilo bookstore revolving fund (HRS 304A-2269)
- The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program; endowment trust (HRS 304A-2353)
- The Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program; endowment trust (HRS 304A-2354)
- Irrigation water development special fund (HRS 167-22.5)
- Irrigation and maintenance special fund (HRS 167-24)
- UH student activities revolving fund (HRS 304A-2257)
- Education laboratory school summer programs revolving fund (HRS 304A-2266)
- Rx plus special fund (HRS 346-318)
- State pharmacy assistance program special fund (HRS 346-345)
- Loss mitigation grant fund (HRS 431:22-102)
- Fee simple residential revolving fund (HRS 516-44)

Transfers the following amounts, which are found to be in excess of the program requirements, into the general fund:

State risk management revolving fund	\$ 600,000
Medicaid investigations recovery fund	688,000
Convention center enterprise special fund	500,000
Tourism special fund	500,000
Energy security special fund	500,000
Statewide geospatial information and data integration special fund	500,000
Hawaii community development revolving fund	2,000,000
Aloha tower fund	2,000,000
Compliance resolution fund	1,500,000
Health and substance abuse special fund	4,323,731
Drug demand reduction assessments special fund	717,263

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Neurotrauma special fund	400,000
Emergency medical services special fund	2,000,000
Electronic device recycling fund	500,000
Environmental management special fund	1,000,000
Deposit beverage container deposit special fund	1,000,000
Employment and training fund	700,000
Special unemployment insurance administration fund	1,000,000
Special fund for disability benefits	1,000,000
Special premium supplementation fund	1,000,000
Rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund	10,000,000
Rental assistance revolving fund	41,100
Rental housing assistance fund	518,193
Travel agency recovery fund	22
Travel agency education fund	21,449

Changes the following revolving funds into special funds:

- Child Care Programs revolving fund (HRS 304A-2252)
- Discoveries and inventions revolving fund (HRS 304A-2254)
- UH alumni revolving fund (HRS 304A-2259)
- UH at Manoa intercollegiate athletics revolving fund &
UH at Hilo intercollegiate athletics revolving fund (HRS 304A-2261)
- Animal research farm, Waialeale, Oahu revolving fund (HRS 304A-2262)
- UH-Hilo theatre revolving fund (HRS 304A-2271)

On July 1, 2011, the director of finance shall: (1) transfer any remaining balances as of June 30, 2011 to the credit of the state general fund; (2) identify any special funds that are repealed in this act that contain or receive deposits from any federal funding source and transfer the portions of those balances consisting of federal funds into corresponding separate special accounts within the general fund to enable the continuation of the purposes funded by the federal funding sources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure repeals various special and revolving funds and transfers excess balances in various special funds into the general fund. Due to the state budget shortfall, lawmakers are searching for moneys to cover that shortfall and are tapping the various non-general funds of the state.

It should be noted that the transfer of moneys from special funds to the general fund was found to be unconstitutional. In Hawaii Insurers Council v. Lingle, Hawaii Supreme Court, No. 27840, December 18, 2008, the court found that the transfer of moneys held in a special fund to the general fund was unconstitutional under the separation of powers doctrine. The court determined that the assessments that were deposited into a special fund were regulatory fees since they were imposed because they were: (1) imposed by a regulatory agency; (2) the agency placed the moneys in a special fund; and (3) the money was not used for a general purpose but to defray expenses generated by the insurers. The transfer of moneys from the special fund to the general fund was unconstitutional because it made the fees collected by the agency for a specific purpose as if they were derived from general tax revenues. The court found that the legislature's bills to transfer the moneys from the special fund to the general fund resulted in an

“impermissible blurring of the distinction between the executive power to assess regulatory fees and the legislative power to tax for general purposes.” In a preliminary opinion from the state attorney general, transfers from the compliance resolution fund may be unconstitutional, since the transfer of moneys from that fund was the basis for the Hawaii Insurers Council case.

That said, what this measure underscores is the growing problem of “hiding” sums of money in various funds, other than being deposited into the general fund. Prior to the 1990 's special funds were a rarity, limited largely to the transportation activities where special funds had to set those revenues from the highways and airports aside to qualify for matching federal funds. Even the regulatory fees of the department of commerce and consumer affairs went into the state general fund and then were doled out through the appropriation process to cover the operating costs of the various regulatory activities.

However, once specific special funds were created, like those for the insurance industry, funds collected from the industry had to be used to benefit that particular industry. This is where the courts stepped in and ruled in favor of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Had the money gone into the general fund and then be appropriated back to cover the activities, the courts would not have ruled as they did. That's because the oversight was provided by the legislature in determining the appropriateness of not only the fees charged but the expenses of running the program.

It should be remembered that the 1990 legislature directed the State Auditor to evaluate all special and revolving funds as of July 1, 1990 and recommend whether they should be continued or eliminated. The Auditor is also to examine any new or proposed special or revolving funds which would decrease general fund revenues. While the Auditor had a completion date of 1995, the review was completed in 1992. The Auditor's report noted that, “Special funds give agencies full control of these unappropriated cash reserves, provide a way to skirt the general fund expenditure ceiling, and over time erode the general fund. Many experts say that special funds are likely to hamper budget administration. And from a legislative perspective, they are less desirable because they are not fully controlled by the appropriation process.”

Given the findings of the Auditor and the current financial crisis, it is quite clear that the creation of numerous special funds has eroded the integrity of state finances. Moneys in special funds are neither subject to the general fund expenditure limitation nor to the close scrutiny that general funds are subject to in the budgeting process. Special funds which earmark general fund revenues cannot be justified as they restrict budget flexibility, create inefficiencies, and lessen accountability.

There is no doubt that carving out portions from the general fund has created the lack of funds lawmakers face each year. Such a shortfall will inevitably lead to a call for tax increases even though money abounds in these special funds. One only has to review the measures introduced each year that set up numerous new special funds or add new fees or charges, the receipts of which are earmarked for special funds, to see the prolific establishment of special funds.

As has been consistently noted, these fees were increased or approved and earmarked for totally irrelevant programs. The result has been this mismatch of either not enough funds to carry out the program or, as in these cases, an excess of funds that then become the target for a raid. Lawmakers should learn a lesson and repeal many of the earmarked sources and their special funds and cease from creating any more new special funds or earmarking any more revenues for such worthy causes.

Finally, these numerous special funds create an even more serious legal problem and that is, the circumvention of the state general fund spending ceiling. Inasmuch as many of the programs which have set up their own special funds used to be beneficiaries of the state general fund, funding of these programs is no longer subject to the general fund spending limit, but had they remain funded with general funds, the growth of these programs would have been measured against the spending limit yardstick. Thus, by spinning these programs off into special fund financing, the growth of government that the constitutional limit was supposed to have measured has become obscured, contributing to the problem that the administration and legislators are trying to address. The bottom line is that state government has grown faster than the economy that is being called upon to support that growth, a formula for self-destruction.

Returning many of these programs to general fund funding will allow lawmakers flexibility in moving resources among programs as priorities dictate, and indeed it will allow lawmakers to set priorities among the various state programs. No doubt there will be gnashing of teeth as program beneficiaries plead for the salvation of their various special funds, but if lawmakers are to resolve the serious budget shortfall, they need to begin with bringing many of these programs back under the control and review of the legislature. If lawmakers continue to condone such special funds, then they might as well earmark all revenues of the state and vote themselves out of existence as there would then be no need for a legislative body to appropriate state funds.

Thus, adoption of this measure is the first step in regaining control over state finances. While some of these funds are being sapped for what is called resources in excess of their needs, these funds should be repealed unless administrators can submit a good legal reason why they should not be repealed. Those programs that have been so blessed in the past will now have to come back each and every year to report about their stewardship of the funds they have been given to run their programs. Lawmakers will have every right to demand evaluation of the program's performance before doling out even more money. This is the very least lawmakers owe their taxpaying constituencies. Returning these programs to general fund financing will improve accountability and transparency.

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Comments on SB 120, SD1; "Relating To State Funds"

The American Heart Association thanks the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for inserting proposed SD1 language into SB 120, "Relating To State Funds."

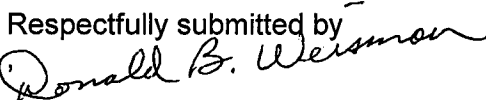
The original draft of the bill proposed to eliminate a wide range of state special funds. Of particular concern to the Association was the proposal to eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund, which includes funding for the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, funding for the DOH that, when the special fund was originally created supplanted the DOH's general funds and would result in the loss of programs designed to prevent chronic diseases including cardiovascular diseases.

The broad effects of that measure if enacted as it had been written would likely have led to a wholesale increase in healthcare costs to the state. The limited funds that the state currently invests in health, and in preventing unhealthy lifestyles, pay off in enormous returns in savings to the state. The annual direct costs to the economy attributable to smoking alone are estimated to be in excess of \$1.1 billion, including workplace productivity losses of \$215 million, premature death losses of \$449 million, and direct medical expenditures of \$444 million. That is despite the enormous progress the state's tobacco prevention, control and cessation programs have made since the inception of the special fund in reducing teen smoking by half to less than 10%, and reducing adult smoking from approximately 25% to approximately 15%.

Add to that costs related to the obesity issue that is being addressed through the DOH funding. In 2009, obesity costs in Hawaii were estimated at \$412,730,487. That was based on an estimate that 22.3 percent of Hawaii population is obese. Obesity numbers continue to climb and efforts to address that issue are just starting to take hold. Cutting funding to that effort would have catastrophic effects on the state's economy, and on a wide-ranging list of other areas affected by obesity including education performance by children, security issues (due to a lack of able bodied recruits for military and other public safety positions), and on the losses suffered by Hawaii families affected by the impact of poor health.

Even if funding to those programs were to be cut only temporarily and eventually restored when the economy improves, it would take years to restore the infrastructure of programs that have been created to address these vital health issues. The funding cuts proposed in SB 120 would have been very short-sighted and would cost the state far more than would be saved in the short term.

Thank you for eliminating those proposed cuts from SB 120 in the proposed SD1 version of the bill.

Respectfully submitted by


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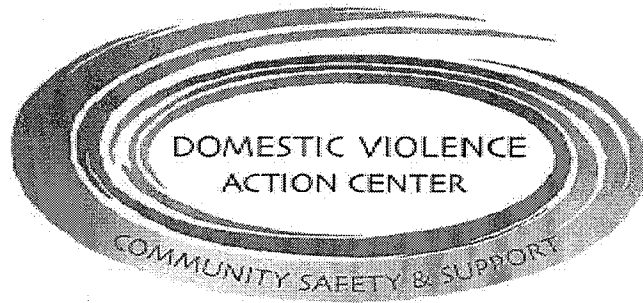
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February 28, 2011

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Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

RE: **SB 120, SD 1 Opposed**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 9:20am, Conf. Rm #211

Aloha and good morning. Thank you for accepting our testimony in opposition to SB120, SD 1.

There are accounts with funds collected from fees that support our community's vital safety net programs serving victims of spouse abuse, child abuse and sexual assault. We are concerned about the Spouse and Child Abuse Account which is located at the Department of Human Services and the Judiciary as well as the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund which is located with the Department of Health budget.

If these accounts are eradicated all current efforts will be decimated. Programs supported with these dollars will lack the support necessary to meet community need.

In addition, it is unclear whether the general funds would be invested to support these crucial community programs. It seems shortsighted to eliminate programs that assist the community in addressing problems that are costly and life threatening to island families and ultimately save money in the long run.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this important budget matter.

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February 28, 2011

Dear Senator Ige and Members of Hawaii Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I am emailing this testimony against passage of Senate Bill 120 SD 1, which includes the repeal of the Student Activities Revolving Fund at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and would transfer the fund balance to the General Fund.

For the past 13 years, I have advised hundreds of student reporters, editors, photographers, designers, illustrators, among others, who have benefitted from the co-curricular experiences that our student publication experiences (Ka Leo O Hawaii, Hawaii Review, and Ka Lamakua) have provided to them and the university community.

These out-of-classroom experiences have been supported by student fees, the Regents and the university for up to 89 years (Ka Leo was founded in 1922) because they know and studies show that students often learn as much through the work they do in student government and student media as they do in class (sometimes more).

Graduates who have benefitted from our co-curricular programs include almost half of the current reporters at the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Pacific Business News and include former and current community leaders such as: Baron Goto, (1923), Hiram Fong (1929), Reuben Tam (1935), Victor Kobayashi (1953), Joshua Aagsalud (1954), and K. Mark Takai (1990).

If you were to ask any of them, they would tell you that working for Ka Leo or Hawaii Review (the campus' literary journal) enabled them to get internships that led to jobs and to form friendships that continue today.

Our student media programs at Manoa and at our sister campuses also sponsor journalism workshops and awards for high school media classes, where studies show that being involved in journalism programs enables students to learn more about research, grammar, and writing than they do in traditional English classes because the students are engaged in the outcome of their work.

Repealing the Student Activities Fund and transferring the balance to the General Fund will eliminate rare learning opportunities for UH system students, will impact the success of high school programs, and kill the voice of students that has been a tradition at Manoa for almost 90 years.

I urge you to exclude the Student Activities Revolving Fund from the list of funds to be eliminated.

Sincerely,

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Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee,

As an alumni of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Community Member on the Broadcast Communications Authority I am asking you to **strongly oppose SB 120 SD1**, as proposed. In Section 59 of SD1, it states "Section 304A-2256, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed". As I understand, this would eliminate the student activities revolving fund. Passing this draft will be detrimental to the students of UH-Manoa.

The Broadcast Communications Authority is one of the chartered student organizations at UH-Manoa and has the responsibility for the radio station, KTUH and student film organization, FILM (Film Institute for Learning at Manoa). Both KTUH and FILM are supported through the student fees collected as part of the student activities revolving fund.

KTUH has been in existence for over 40 years and can be heard statewide via 90.3 FM (Honolulu), KTUH website live streaming, or digital cable. Over the past 40 years, KTUH has maintained its independent format, which in the age of pre-recorded shows and corporate control of other radio stations is a huge accomplishment. KTUH is completely student run and operates 24/7. Repealing the student activities fund would essentially shut down KTUH. Please do not let this happen. I urge you to strongly oppose SB 120, SD1.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Wendy Okazaki

Community Member, Broadcast Communications Authority

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:07 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: kpakele@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kelson Ho'omano Pakele
Organization: University of Hawai'i at Hilo Student Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kpakele@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I again would like to opposed SB 120. UH Funds are for UH Students and should not be swept into the general fund. Mahalo for your time.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:21 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: clcampbe@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chelsea Campbell
Organization: Leeward Community College Student Government
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: clcampbe@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Hello, my name is Chelsea Campbell and as President of the Leeward Community College Student Government I oppose bill SB120. Our Revolving funds are used to create a positive environment for our students. We have had a 2,000 Student increase in the last 2 years which matches up with our recreation of student life. Our funds are gathered every year so that we may hold educational events such as "A Walk in Her Shoes," part of our Domestic Violence awareness week, and "Mental Health Week" where we promote positivity and de-stressing your life. We also hold morale boosting events like our College Bash that requires a revolving fund because we spend around 10,000 dollars on that event alone. This money also is used through student government by holding 9/11 remembrance. We also attend leadership conferences to help our student leaders become better leaders and gain experiences that they don't always have everyday.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:39 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rumpf@higp.hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elise Rumpf
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rumpf@higp.hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:
Stop taking money away from students. The state's future lies in the prosperity of the next generation!

From: Megan Chock [mmpchock@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 12:37 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Testimony SB 120,SD1 for Tuesday, 03/01/11 WAM hearing 9:20 a.m.

Aloha,

My name is Megan Chock, and I am a 2010 graduate from the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently in my first year of medical school at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN. As an undergraduate, I served on the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH) for all four years while earning a double major in biology and economics along with a certificate in Spanish. During my tenure on the senate, I gained an intense appreciation for how hard the Chartered Student Organizations (CSOs) work to manage the student activities revolving fund in order to ensure that students can benefit from the activities that make campus life at UH Manoa so special.

I understand that the Ways and Means committee is set to hear SB 120, SD1 on March 1, 2011 and am very disturbed to hear that this bill still has the student activities revolving fund pegged for elimination. I am in opposition to the elimination of this fund for many reasons, the principle one being that this money was collected from students to benefit students and I find it exceedingly unfair to take it away, regardless of the fiscal difficulties that other parts of the university system may be facing. It is unfair to punish the students for being fiscally responsible and managing the student activities fund well by taking away the money that they have worked so hard to save. As a former ASUH senator, I know firsthand how many meetings these students attend in addition to fulfilling their coursework and other academic obligations to try to positively contribute to their campus. Eliminating the student activities revolving fund would effectively kill all of their efforts .

This matter was important enough for me to write this testimony from Rochester, MN, where the temperature is currently 18 degrees Fahrenheit, instead of studying for my microbiology and pharmacology block of my medical school curriculum. Please take the time to read this opposition and do not eliminate the student activities revolving fund. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact me via this e-mail, mmpchock@hawaii.edu. Thank you for your time and attention.

Aloha and mahalo,
Megan Chock

From: Yoko May [audreynmayfield@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:59 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB120 Tuesday, March 1st at 9:20 am

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Audrey Mayfield and I was recently informed of the SB120 bill which would repeal the Student Activities Revolving Fund. As a student and member of the Student Government I know, first hand, of the the expenses paid towards a good education. College tuition is already out of hand and is still skyrocketing but students take solace in knowing that a portion of their money is given back to them through the events that take place on campus. If this money is taken away, there is no way that Activity Board members can raise the money needed for these events themselves. With as much as college costs, we as students should only have to pay for OUR education without worrying about any aspect of it being taken from us. I'm sure there are many other ways to find money for the state general fund without you having to take it from the students who spent all their money and are trying to get ahead in life through education.

Sincerely,
Audrey Mayfield

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From: Eve Millett [millett@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:00 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB120

I oppose Senate Bill 120 be heard Tuesday March 1st at 9:20am. I oppose this bill, because it takes away the activities possible to enhance the student experience at UH Manoa.

Eve Millett

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:51 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: dlau808@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Lau
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dlau808@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

I understand that the state is in financial trouble right now and that law makers are facing hard choices on what programs to cut spending on and such.
But as a UHH student I feel that the fees we students pay should stay with the school so that we may reap the benefits that we are paying for.

Good luck and please think of it from our perspective!

Thanks YOU!

David Lau

2/28/2011

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please do not take our student activities fees to be put in some other fund. This is not what we want to do with our money. Those of us who are working already pay state taxes and students should not be punished. We enjoy our campus activities and these funds are not designated for other uses. I, as well as many others OPPOSE!!!!!! Leave our student money alone!!!!

Sincerely,

Krystel Charkowski

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:50 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rodolfoj@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rodolfo Mendoza
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rodolfoj@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I would like to apologize for incorrectly addressing my testimony to Donna Mercado Kim. I meant to say Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani. Kala mai and Mahalo.

From: kalia novajosky [kalianovajosky@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:49 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Measure SB120, SD 1 - Tuesday, March 1st at 9:20 a

My name is Kalia Novajosky and I am a member of Leeward Community College - Waianae's Fun Committee. As a student in a low-income area, I can directly see how important the events and activities we work so hard to put on are for our student body. The news that funding to us may be dramatically diminished angers not only myself, but others I have informed. We as college students are not made of money, as I'm sure many of you know, and we work too hard getting scholarhips, grants, and part-time jobs to have what little money we *thought* would be used for our own purposes taken away. New students often get the chance to forge new friendships and get to know faculty members better during our campus funded events and taking anything away from that experience doesn't just make their college careers boring, it stunts their educational and personal growth and, I feel, in some cases even ends their college careers. We are already struggling for funding in so many areas, our own campus is rented, not owned, so why give us one more thing to go without? I sincerely hope this bill will not pass and that the value of our money is respected.

-Kalia Novajosky

February 28, 2011

To: Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senate Ways and Means Committee

RE: SB 120

Aloha Chair Kim and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Rodolfo Mendoza and I would like to offer some comments in opposition to SB 120, which would repeal the student activities revolving fund for the University of Hawaii among others.

While it is understandable given the current economic climate that Hawaii is in an unfortunate position to "do more with less", it would be shortsighted to repeal HRS304A-2153 which grants the power to allocate and distribute tuition and fees, deemed appropriate by the University of Hawaii. The public education system was already shortchanged with the "Furlough Fridays" disaster, and to inhibit the University system- where many co-curricular, and necessary monies are to provide the best education possible would prove disastrous. The college experience is supplemented by Student Government, a Student Radio Station and Newspaper, Journals of Academics and Arts, Activities on campus to boost morale and quality of life, and various other organizations that have come to rely on these fees paid each semester.

There is a number of lines in SB120 that repeal a number of University of Hawaii-related revolving and special funds. The University System is at a high enrollment rate, system-wide due to the economic situation. To remove the funds that provide necessary services- such as auxiliary support (section 65) and even tuition assistance (section 67) and the cancer research fund (section 76), library (section 107) theater fund, conference center, etc. Also, repealing the domestic violence special fund, and substance abuse special funds might also not be a good idea, given the high rates of BOTH in the state.

I strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. Please don't shortchange the students. As an alternative to finding ways to earn revenue, may I suggest creating a state lottery, legalized gambling, decriminalization and taxation of medicinal marijuana, un-funding vacant positions in the government that have been unfilled for at least 5 years, dismissing superfluous state workers, and even returning the 30% pay raise that the legislature voted on some time ago.

Mahalo

Rodolfo Mendoza

Kea'au, Hawaii

From: Jasmine Desamito [jmdesamito@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:44 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB 120 Testimony for Tuesday, March 1st.

This testimony is for the SB120.

You should not take all of our revolving funds and put it back into the state budget, because our students deserve to have events on campus, and their student funds pay for it. The events that we hold on campus gets the students involved, and it gets the students excited about being on campus. I am part of the Student Activities Board at Leeward Community College, and I personally enjoy all the events that I help put together, and even before I was not part of SAB, I was always invited to the events, and I participated in them and I had so much fun. It is an awesome thing to have events on campus because it shows that the campus is not a boring place to be at, and it lets other students meet and socialize with other students, and it makes the campus a welcoming and warm place to be.

At the beginning of each new school year, we have a really big event welcoming the students back to school, which is called "College Bash". It basically consists of many food vendors, games, entertainment, etc. By doing the event, it shows the students that we welcome them to the campus and it also gives many opportunities for the businesses to advertise their business to the students. Every time College Bash rolls around the corner, MANY students look forward to the fun that they can have on campus, instead of only just going to class and be bored. Students need something to do while on their break, and by doing College Bash, we give them the opportunity to have fun, relax, and meet new students that are attending the campus.

Even when we hold the smaller events on campus every month, students always ask when the events are going to be because they always participate and look forward to the events. Students really enjoy the events that we put on, sometimes the events are educational events, and students always attend the events. Like I said earlier, they always look forward to the events because it makes the campus a fun and welcoming place to be at. I even enjoy the process of planning the events, because it gets me and the other members of Student Activities Board excited of what our upcoming event will be like, and as always, we always get a great turnout!

I ask of you to not take away our revolving funds from us and putting into the state budget. The students of all community colleges and universities pay for these funds, and it would be upsetting to the majority of the students that there won't be events on campus at all. By doing that, you are taking the excitement out of being a college student, and making the campus an unwelcoming place to be.

Thank you for taking your time to read this.

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Jasmine Desamito

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment." -
Buddha

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:44 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: isaiahr@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Isaiah Rodriguez
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: isaiahr@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

the studen fees I paid are meant for MY STUDENT ACTIVITIES! Maybe I should apply for more state benefits?

From: Martinea Trippett [martinea.trippett@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:33 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Measure SB120, SD 1 - Tuesday, March 1st at 9:20 am

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Martinea Trippett and I am currently a student at Leeward Community College and a member of the Student Activities Board there. Upon checking my email today I was shocked and saddened to hear about measure SB120, which aims to rid all community colleges of their revolving funds. Whether it is intentional or not, the language used in this bill would make event planning for Hawaii students even more difficult than it already is. I joined the Student Activities Board a few semesters ago after about a year of no on-campus involvement and I can honestly say that it has made my college career not only enjoyable, it has motivated me to strive for bigger and better things. When I'm on campus I am always looking for ways to boost school spirit and morale for my fellow students. The monies available to us do not simply fund things like arts and crafts tables and some free food, they allow us to let students and teachers alike come to us to help their messages be heard. A student who has an idea for a disease awareness event may come to us looking for help funding activities to get others involved. A teacher who is looking to inspire their students during the Semester of Shakespeare may come to us for help creating a renaissance fair. The events we plan are not just fun, they are educational and hold a sentimental value not only for those of us on the board, but the students who would otherwise not have had the money to finance an event on their own.

I am also involved in New Student Orientations, which helps incoming new students adjust to college life. During the orientations we educate the students on their tuition costs, which includes their student fees. I personally feel that it is dishonest and shameful to pull a bait and switch on those who have gone through orientation and think that a part of their hard-earned money would be given back to them through on-campus resources and activities. As a student I feel disappointed and angry that this bill would even be considered. Our schools are the last thing we should be taking money away from. The Student Activities Board is unable to raise funds for itself, so by cutting our funds you not only take away our ability to help those who already come to us, you take away any future students who may seek our help. We are trying so desperately to raise the bar for our own, and eventually all community college events on island; please, do not take away one of our most important resources.

Sincerely Dismayed,
Martinea Trippett

From: Joseph Martin [joseph25@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:35 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Testimony against SB120.

I would like to submit testimony against SB120, repealing the Student Activities Revolving Fund and transferring the funds to the State General Fund. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st at 9:20AM.

I am a graduate student in the University of Hawaii's Department of Tropical Medicine. Chartered student organizations, particularly the Graduate Student Organization, provide valuable support for student travel and research. While coursework is important, the ability of student to travel to conferences and network with other researchers is the basis of a professional career in science.

In this way, CSOs also benefit Hawaii by creating a student population better equipped to pursue grants and other funding. This money pays for jobs and services that expand the state economy.

Thank you for your time,
Joe Martin

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:35 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bezilla@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nicole Bezilla
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bezilla@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:38 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: dmanuel@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Doreen Manuel
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dmanuel@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:39 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: armandoc@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Armando Sarmiento
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: armandoc@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: Kanoë Case [kanoesc@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:06 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Opposition to SB120-SD1

Aloha Legislators,

This is a testimony in opposition to SB120-SD1. We need our special funds to promote student life on campus. Do not take away our funding of CSO's student fee's.

Mahalo,

Kanoë Case

ASUH-HawCC President

Ahahui O ka `Io

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:12 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bria@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bria Callaway
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bria@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

I do not have a long file to upload for you. But I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am simply asking you to not do this to our University. So many students and organizations within the UHH community depend on SAC and UHHS (not to mention the countless others that this bill would demolish) for funding. You would be doing a major wrong to this institution if you let this bill pass.

Mahalo,
Bria Lani Callaway

From: Sean Wilbur [swilburzoo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 4:04 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB120

SB120, SD1 tuesday, 03/01/11 WAM hearing at 920am

This measure if enacted would wrongly cut and take student funds and fee money. Representing the University of Hawaii at Manoa as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, I oppose this measure and what it means to education in the state of Hawaii. This further manipulation of educational funds to cover other programs will cause lasting damage to the educational institutions of this state. Please support the Hawaii's students and future, do not support this bill.

Mahalo,
Sean Wilbur
Senator of Arts and Science, ASUH

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kim Nakano [knakano4@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:23 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: NO to SB 120

SB 120 will hurt students by repeals the Student Activities Revolving Fund, which is for fees charged to students for chartered student organizations (CSO's) and student activities program.

I am against this bill. Mahalo, Kimberly Nakano

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:22 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: kmwells@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karyn Mo Wells
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kmwells@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:01 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mvenegas@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Megan Venegas
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mvenegas@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I do not believe that the funds that we pay to the University for Student Activities should be put into the State General Fund. With these funds, the school gives us opportunities to participate in drug free activities to get involved in school and meet people. I think that this is very important because there are limited amount of activities available for college students expecially if they do not have a car. Please do not pass this bill without amending this. Thank you very much!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:01 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: shawna7@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shawn
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: shawna7@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP THIS BILL!!!!!! THE STUDENTS OF UH HILO DONT LIKE THIS BILL AND YOU SHOULD STOP THIS BILL!!!!!!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:55 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Allank@Hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Allan Kaikane Pan-Takase
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Allank@Hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill for the reason being that I believe that the DOE and DHS Programs should be the last thing to cut in a budget crisis

J

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:38 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: malles@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Melinda Alles
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: malles@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:
Aloha my name is Melinda Alles and I oppose SB 120, SD1.

J

From: Michelle Heinecke [mjh24@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 2:49 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB120

Hello,

This is in regards to measure SB120 with a hearing on Tuesday March 1st at 9:20 am. This is to encourage opposition to SB120.

The fees students are paying for school related activities and services should go to the school to support those activities, not to the state's general fund to be used elsewhere. The state needs to take their hands out of our pockets. I know we're in a "budget crisis" but the answer does not lie in taking money from already under-paid, low income students who work very hard for the little money they make while attending school (if any) and already pay serious cash to attend higher education in an attempt to have a prosperous future. Come on now.

Sincerely,
Michelle Jungbluth

From: Jamison Gove [jamisongove@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 3:15 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB120 SD 1

Please do not repeal the Student Activities Revolving Fund ~Jamie

From: William Caron [comicsbywill@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:09 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: testimony in opposition to SB120

Dear WAM Committee,

I am writing to you in opposition to Senate Bill 120 even with the changes that have been made. The bill still proposes to gut UH special and revolving funds needed for Chartered Student Organizations like the student radio, newspaper and government as well as the Registered Independent Organizations that depend on the CSOs for funding. This bill would kill the voice of the students at the University and would threaten to undermine many of the important projects that UH and its CSOs are working on to make UH a more attractive, viable and important institution for Hawaii residents and mainland students. UH is one of the largest generators of state income through federal research grants as well as being one of the most valuable and sustainable resources for Hawaii - provided it is taken care of.

I urge you to be level headed and far-sighted on this issue and recognize that this bill jeopardizes Hawaii's future for the sake of some quick cash for the present.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Will Caron
(Senior, Studio Art, UH Manoa)

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:20 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Weirathe@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB120 on 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM
Attachments: SB 120 testimony

Testimony for WAM 3/1/2011 9:20:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: R. Weirather
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Weirathe@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: markmatley@gmail.com on behalf of Matt Markley [markley@higp.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:30 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: AGAINST Measure SB120

This is to indicate my disapproval of SB120, for the Tuesday March 1st hearing at 9:20am.

Ridiculous to take money we invest in for other students to some general fund that will probably get squandered...again.

Cheers, and best regards,
~ Matthew M. Markley

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"Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result."
-Winston Churchill

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
-Aristotle

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Comments:

All special and revolving funds must be abolished for the State to get the budget under control.. This includes the Child care programs [revolving] special fund, the University of Hawaii research and training revolving fund, the UH Discoveries and inventions [revolving] special fund, the University of Hawaii alumni [revolving] special fund, the University of Hawaii at Manoa intercollegiate athletics [revolving] special fund and University of Hawaii at Hilo intercollegiate athletics [revolving] special fund, the Animal research farm, Waialeale, Oahu [revolving] special fund, the University of Hawaii-Hilo theatre [revolving] special fund, and all other wasteful and uncontrolled funds mentioned in this bill. These funds do not accomplish legitimate public purposes.