



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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by

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SB 809 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

The University strongly supports the passage of this measure.

The purpose of this bill is to amend Sections 6 and 7 of Act 161, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007 as amended by Section 2 of Act 94, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2009 to increase the University's authorization to issue revenue bonds from a total principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 to a principal amount not to exceed \$300,000,000. Therefore, in the current draft of this bill, the University requests that on page 2, line 8, the amount of \$300,000,000 be indicated and on page 3, line 13, the amount of \$100,000,000 be indicated. This increase of \$100,000,000 in authorization is necessary for the anticipated financing requirements of the University's qualifying priority capital improvement projects including new facility construction and major renovation and repair projects.

In October 2010, the University issued revenue bonds and was successful in securing a low effective interest rate of 3.7%. With that issuance, the amount of authorization previously provided to the University by Act 161, Session Laws Hawai'i 2007, as amended by Act 94, Session Laws Hawai'i 2009, was fully utilized.

For the \$100 million authorized under Act 161, Session Laws Hawai'i 2007, Section 7, the Series 2009A bonds issued were allocated to the funding of the following projects:

- Acquisition and conversion of apartments in Hilo for student housing	\$17,000,000
- UH Hilo College of Pharmacy	\$3,000,000
- Mānoa student housing renovations at Hale Aloha dormitories	\$16,513,861
- UH West O'ahu Kapolei Campus development	\$20,000,000
- Wai'anae Education Center acquisition	\$2,000,000
- Additions to UH Mānoa Biomedical Science building	\$22,500,000
- UH Hilo Bookstore Campus Center addition	\$7,000,000
- Kau' iokahaloa Nui faculty housing refinancing	<u>\$13,391,631</u>
	\$101,405,492

For the \$100 million authorized under Act 94, Session Laws Hawai'i 2009, Section 2, the Series 2010B-1 and 2010B-2 bonds issued have been allocated for the funding of the following projects:

- Sinclair Library basement renovations	\$6,000,000
- Regional Bio-Containment Laboratory	\$12,500,000
- Community Colleges Energy Conservation projects	\$33,500,000
- UH West O'ahu Campus development	<u>\$48,000,000</u>
	\$100,000,000

Accordingly, an increase in the University's authority to issue revenue bonds is necessary to provide the opportunity and financial flexibility to enable the University to continue to address its capital improvement needs, including new construction requirements and the repair and maintenance backlog of its older facilities, and to take advantage of opportunities for acquisitions, projects and financing that may arise.

The increase is expected to have minimal financial impact to the general public as the University is committed to repayment of the revenue bonds with University revenues, i.e. monies generated through fees and charges, imposed for the goods and services provided by the University.

The passage of this amending measure will provide sufficient financial flexibility to the University of Hawai'i System to obtain additional funding to continue to improve and maintain its facilities for the successful accomplishment of its core education and research mission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
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House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

SB 809, SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
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Conference Room 308

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

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP is in support of SB 809, SD1 which increases the University of Hawaii's authorization to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the construction and maintenance of qualifying capital improvement projects. This measure also appropriates revenue bond proceeds.

The University of Hawaii is seeking additional revenue bonds to complete as many of its priority capital facility construction, renovation, and repair projects as possible. The increase in revenue bonds is necessary to provide the opportunity and financial flexibility to enable the University to continue to address its capital improvement needs, including new construction requirements and the repair and maintenance backlog of its older facilities, and also to take advantage of opportunities for acquisitions, projects and financing that may arise. With our economy in recession, stimulus and other initiatives are needed to counteract the negative impact on our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your consideration on SB 809, SD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii.