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## Testimony of United States Senator Mazie K. Hirono Supporting Robust Funding for Quality Early Education

Relating to **H.B. 200**  
Relating to the State Budget  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the State Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today. I write to support **robust funding** for **quality early education** in the Hawaii State Budget.

I realize it is extremely rare for a United States Senator to weigh in on a state funding issue. However, for over a decade, I have been working with many of you to promote quality early education and other evidence-based education reforms to benefit Hawaii's children. Our work to establish Hawaii's Pre-Plus program, which constructed preschool classrooms on elementary school campuses, is one example of our early collaboration.

Today Hawaii is one of only 11 states without a state-funded preschool program. As a result, Hawaii is missing the chance to secure federal dollars to serve more of our young children.

Since his presidential campaign in 2008, Barack Obama has made quality early learning a key part of his education platform. As a member of the U.S. House, I supported President Obama's Recovery Act, which increased Head Start and Child Care subsidies to serve hundreds more children and families in Hawaii.

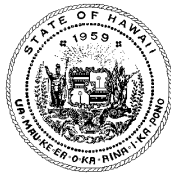
From 2010 through 2012, I led a coalition of over 100 U.S. House members – both Republicans and Democrats – to enact and fund President Obama's Early Learning Challenge. To apply for that competition, Early Learning Coordinator Terry Lock and Hawaii's Early Learning Council worked across state agencies and with a variety of providers to develop a coordinated early learning plan. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education ranked Hawaii's application 35<sup>th</sup> out of 36 applicants. The peer reviewers pointed out that Hawaii did not have a track record of providing state support for high-quality early learning. Through the budget, the Legislature has an opportunity to turn this perception around.

In February of 2013, President Obama's State of the Union Address called for new federal funding to support high-quality state preschool. This is the first time in a generation that a president has used the State of the Union address to call for expanding preschool access.

As you may know, I have reintroduced my federal PRE-K Act, which, taken together with President Obama's and your funding support, can move our state toward the kind of early learning programs that will enable our keiki to succeed in school and in life.

Hawaii could best take advantage of President Obama's new proposal or my PRE-K Act if it acts now to increase its investment in quality early learning.

I strongly urge robust funding for quality early education in the Hawaii State Budget.



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Testimony in **support** of HB200 HD1  
Relating to the State Budget

Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

March 19, 2013  
9:00 am Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** House Bill 200, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget. This measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Years (FY) 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

This testimony is specific to the budget for the Office of the Governor (GOV100). You should have received our impact statement regarding the HD1 of the budget, so that will not be repeated here. However, we would like to point out the fact that once the budgets for healthcare transformation and the Executive Office on Early Learning are factored out, the general fund budget for GOV100 is \$2,913,921 for FY14 and \$2,861,769 for FY15. This is less than the amount appropriated for GOV100 in over twenty years.

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
GF Appropriation	3,389,921	3,338,599
Early Learning	311,000	311,000
Healthcare	165,000	165,830
<b>Remaining GOV100</b>	<b>2,913,921</b>	<b>2,861,769</b>

The appropriation that comes closest in recent history is for Fiscal Year 2003, during the last gubernatorial transition. \$2,111,726 was appropriated in the budget act, but there was an additional \$838,136 as an emergency appropriation. This totals to \$2,949,862, which is still more than the amount budgeted for either fiscal year of the coming biennium.

While the Office of the Governor believes in leading by example and strives to operate

in the most efficient manner possible, we feel that this will be a further drain on already stretched resources. The Office of the Governor is responsible for responding to constituents statewide, providing timely appointments to various boards and commissions, communicating with the public via standard and social media, tracking and analyzing the various pieces of legislation during and after the Legislative Session, and coordinating the activities of 18 departments statewide. In addition to this, the Governor is the lead point of contact for the state in all matters dealing with the federal government. As such, we do not feel that funding the Office of the Governor at a level lower than any in the past twenty years is an appropriate course of action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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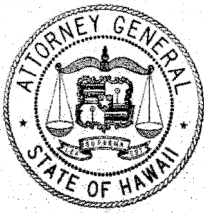
TESTIMONY OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 200, H.D. 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 17, 2013

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill No. 200, H.D. 1. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Executive Branch for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The initial biennium budget request for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for LTG100 was submitted under the former Lieutenant Governor and now U.S. Senator, Brian Schatz, and included requests for additional operating expenses, to fund a vacant Administrative Assistant position and to fund an Energy Analyst position. Subsequently, pursuant to Governor's Message No. 1, a request under this administration was made for additional funds for establishing and operating a Maui office for the Lt. Governor, the Lt. Governor's travel and per diem expenses, and one Maui position, one additional Administrative Assistant position, and one Senior Policy Advisor or Analyst position.

After Lt. Governor Tsutsui's accepted the office, pursuant to section 26-2, HRS, Governor Neil Abercrombie authorized the establishment of an additional Lt. Governor's Office on Maui, to allow the Lt. Governor to conduct official business on his home island and support the Governor's vision of a non-Oahu centric Administration. While the law does not require the Lieutenant Governor to be an Oahu resident, it also does not provide housing or a housing allowance in the event the officeholder is a neighbor island resident. Funding in this measure is necessary to cover the required expenses relating to the Lt. Governor's ability to perform the duties of his office on Oahu and Maui, including the establishment and ongoing operations of a Maui office. The Maui office is currently being worked on and will be housed in a state office building. An additional position is also necessary to provide services to the public and the Lt. Governor on Maui.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**LATE**

**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 200, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

**BEFORE THE:**

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 211

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General

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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General respectfully submits this written testimony on HB200 HD1.

We respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Ways and Means make substantial and serious adjustments to HB200, HD1. The overall budget provided by HD1 does a number of things that will be adverse to the Department of the Attorney General ("Department") and, as a result, adverse to the State of Hawaii ("State").

First, HD1 abolishes a number of positions for legal services which are important and critically needed. Second, HD1 abolishes positions but does not provide any relief from the vacancy savings rate. Consequently, this would result in the Department having to keep other positions vacant in order to maintain the vacancy savings rate. This would be detrimental to the operations of the Department. Third, the HD1 has abolished positions where offers have already been made and the recruitment process has already been ongoing including interviews and advertising.

There are three main areas that the HD1 addresses. The first area is Deputy Attorney General and the support staff needed to provide legal services. If this area is cut or a larger vacancy savings rate is imposed, the Department will simply not be able to properly provide appropriate legal services including advice, counsel and representation in litigation.

The second area is legal investigators. Legal investigators investigate criminal matters and some administrative and civil matters. They are primarily retired police detectives and are hired on an 89-day hire basis. This allows the State to pay these retired policemen less than a

market rate would dictate, however, it also means that the large number of investigators under this program show up as vacant positions which is in fact not accurate. The investigators also provide a backup police presence in matters involving the takeover of Iolani Palace, APEC and other State properties.

The third area is the Child Support Enforcement Agency. This is a program that collects child support enforcement obligations from non-custodial parents and forwards them to children and the custodial parents that need the support. These positions are paid for with two federal dollars for every State dollar. The program collects approximately \$120 million per year and is of critical importance to children.

We will be providing a separate memo to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means within a few days describing how we propose that a number of positions may be abolished and adjusted in order to further the Legislature's goals of reducing vacancy savings and getting rid of vacant positions that in truth are no longer needed. We do, however, request that the Committee on Ways and Means look long and hard at restoring many of the positions that HD1 has abolished.

Thank you for allowing us to present this testimony.

Furthermore, the implementation of the legal presence law one year ago resulted in the dramatic increase in the number of requests for name changes for individuals seeking to obtain or renew State identification cards or driver's licenses. A similar increase has been seen in the number of apostilles and certifications that the office is also receiving. To fulfill these and other Secretary of State functions of the office, including the compilation of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, the need continues to exist for additional administrative staff to ensure the public is timely serviced.

Also, to assist the Lieutenant Governor in the research and analysis of his designated and chosen initiatives, including but not limited to the Hawaii Intermediate/Middle School Challenge, oversight of Capital Improvement Program Projects, and the HI Growth Initiative. The current version of this measure provides for much of these costs; however, the salaries requested have been reduced, which will hinder our ability to hire and retain highly qualified staff, especially, but not limited to, the Senior Policy Advisor or Analyst position. Recruitment of experienced and knowledgeable staff is always a challenge with limited salaries in competition with the private sector or even other departments or agencies that can provide more structured salary schedules and increases.

Finally, as the budget for this office has been reduced over the years, there have been no additional funds provided for other necessary expenses, including the replacement of hardware, vacation payouts, vehicle maintenance, protocol functions, increased postage, and unanticipated but necessary travel, among other things. The inclusion of the additional funds originally requested in the biennium request continue to be sought after to allow this office to properly function and best serve the people. Accordingly, we would respectfully request the restoration of the additional funds requested for other current expenses totaling \$20,000 in each fiscal year.

To offset the restoration of this funding, we anticipate that some funds appropriated in S.B. 1174, S.D. 1, may lapse to the general fund, due to an inability to fully utilize them during FY13. Although the funding is necessary, the delay in the passage of the measure will result in savings in salaries, as well as a possible inability to expend and/or encumber all of the funds due to procurement rules and timelines before the fiscal year ends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



**LATE**

**TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
HOUSE BILL NO. 200, H.D. 1**

**March 19, 2013**

**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. (HB) 200, House Draft (H.D.) 1.

On March 13, 2013, the Council on Revenues met and revised their projections upward. We continue to monitor the situation and are still monitoring the many “external” factors that can impact these projections. However, given the trajectory, we believe the Administration’s executive budget request represents a balanced approach to addressing the many needs on the State.

The Department of Budget and Finance (Department) request your support for the Executive Biennium Budget and Governor’s Message requests that were submitted to the 2013 Legislature and ask for your consideration specifically in regards to the following H.D. 1 adjustments:

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 101**

**Sequence #91-001** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for an additional 1.00 permanent FTE Contracts Specialist position and \$24,348 in general funds for FY 14 and \$45,936 for FY 15.

**Comments:** The Department respectfully requests support for the 1.00 FTE permanent Contracts Specialist position. The Contracts Specialist position is necessary to best enable the Department to comply with the multitude of complex procurement and contracts administration, training, reporting, and governmental transparency related matters in a more effective, uniform, and consistent department wide basis. Based on data from the last fiscal biennium and the current fiscal year, The total number and cost of contracts for the Department’s programs and attached agencies are steadily increasing and is anticipated to continue rising. The implementation of the Enterprise Resource Plan project (ERP) and further analysis of the Other Post-Employment benefits issues (OPEB) will increase the requirements for specialized professional services and/or consultants to best advise the department on policy alternatives.

**Sequence #92-001** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for an additional 1.00 permanent FTE Personnel Clerk position and \$17,166 in general funds for FY 14 and \$31,572 for FY 15.

**Comments:** the department’s professional level personnel management staff assumes a large portion of essential but clerical duties and this has resulted in backlogs which have developed within the professional personnel management functions. This includes updating and developing departmental administrative policies covering personnel matters, updating outdated positions descriptions which are necessary to support the department’s recruitment efforts, and assisting the programs and attached agencies in the development and processing of necessary reorganization proposals. If this issue is not addressed, these backlogs could result in costly personnel related problems in the future. Finally, based on other similar sized departments, the Department of Budget and Finance’s personnel management section is currently understaffed because these other departments have at least one Personnel Clerk position or non-professional clerical staff to handle these less complex , routine, and non-professional tasks.

**Sequence #93-001** - “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for an additional \$33,000 in general funds for the Bishop Museum Annual Subsidy.

**Comments:** The Department respectfully requests support of the Executive Biennium Budget Request amount to increase the Bishop Museum’s Annual Subsidy.

The requested increase is necessary to support the Museum’s maintenance and renovation efforts as well as the Museum’s ability to maintain its history of excellence in the preservation and education of Hawai’i’s culture and natural history. The following operations would directly benefit from the increase in funding level:

- Educational programs and exhibits offered to our community, school children and visitors; and
- Appropriate care and conservation of millions of artifacts, biological specimens, art and historical treasures so they will be available for future exhibits and research

**Sequence #94-900** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for an additional 10.00 (FTE) temporary positions and \$750,000 in general funds for FY 14 and \$750,000 for FY 15 for the Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP) Project.

**Comments:** The Department respectfully requests the reconsideration of the 10.00 (FTE) temporary positions and \$750,000 in general funds for the Enterprise Resource Project (ERP). The reduction in the number of positions could hinder the implementation and timeline of the ERP project, constrict the flexibility that is needed for the departments to deploy their subject matter experts, and will affect the overall success, productiveness, and benefits of the ERP project. The salary differential amounts are critically needed for existing employees that are temporarily assigned to be

compensated for their new duties, expanded level of responsibilities, increased workload, and time commitments as part of the ERP team.

**Sequence #1090-001** – The House added \$10,000,000 in general funds for the Vacation Payout Fund.

**Comments:** While the Department supports the intent of creating a Vacation Payout Fund as a conservative approach, we are concerned about the implementation and repercussions of this appropriation given the current staffing levels.

Our departmental comments and suggestions include the following:

- Vacation payouts are currently generated through turnover and vacancy savings within the departments. A centrally budgeted vacation payout fund would create a disincentive for the individual departments to exercise prudence in the management of their own payroll expenditures. The establishment of a Vacation Payout Fund would require the Department of Budget and Finance to establish and implement strict procedures for accessing and expending these vacation payout funds. These procedures could result in a lengthy process necessary to analyze the individual departmental expenditures versus the budgeted amounts to verify that insufficient departmental payroll funding levels exist, reconcile the vacation payout amounts with the individual departments, and effectuate the necessary transfers of funds to the departments.
- B & F does not have the current staffing levels necessary to provide the level of required oversight and to process the volumes of possible transfer of funds transactions.
- B & F will need to set clear parameters for the disbursement of these vacation payouts with the first priority being for the departments to accommodate the vacation payouts.
- In conjunction, B & F cannot give an opinion whether the House position of \$10,000,000 is sufficient to accommodate the necessary vacation payout requirements.
- The Department respectfully suggests that the budget proviso for this appropriation to reflect the following amendments:
  - The appropriation should be used only for general funded positions that require necessary supplemental vacation payouts.
  - The Department of Budget and Finance will only expend up to the \$10,000,000 appropriation level for vacation payouts. Any additional expenses that are incurred above the \$10,000,000 will be the responsibility of the individual departments and agencies.

**Governor's Message No. 1:** The Department requests that the Governor's Message No. 1, dated February 12, 2013, to be included in the Senate Draft of H.B. 200. The Governor's Message No. 1 adds \$3,711,164 in general funds and \$1,778,477 in other funds for FY 14 and FY 15 due to the implementation of a 3.2% across the board wage increase directed in the Bargaining Unit 10 arbitration award for FB 2011-13. The carry-over costs associated with the arbitrated increases for FY 14 and FY 15 have been submitted in a Governor's Message because the requirements were not known at the time the Executive Biennium Budget submittal was being drafted.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 115**

**Sequence #91-001** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for an additional permanent 1.00 (FTE) Investor Relations Specialist position and \$30,414 in general funds for FY 14 and \$57,708 for FY 15.

**Comments:** The Investor Relations Specialist position is critical and essential to manage and expand on the State's investor relations program. Since the collapse of the financial markets in 2008, “AAA” rated bond insurance, which was used to back many General Obligation (GO) or revenue bond issuances, is no longer available or cost effective. The Department therefore requires a person to maintain and expand the investor relations program via social media, conferences and one-on-one meetings the continuous interaction with institutional investor in order to have investors comfortable with Hawaii's various credits and to create a demand for such bonds prior to and at the time of the sale of these bonds. Higher demand and competition among the investors for the State of Hawaii bonds will result in lower borrowing costs for the various State issuers and will put the State in an advantageous position to fund its capital needs.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 143**

**Sequence #90-001** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for funds for an additional 1.00 permanent (FTE) Information System Specialist position and \$22,788 in Trust funds for FY 14 and \$45,576 for FY 15.

**Comments:** The Information Systems Specialist position is crucial to the establishment and implementation of a paperless enrollment system for active and retired employees. The EUTF services approximately 14 State agencies that have different employee information databases, hence, a liaison is necessary to work with these State agencies and the EUTF's Benefits Administration computer systems vendor to support the electronic exchange of the various enrollments data. By accomplishing this task, the numerous monthly employee terminations and new hire information will be received in a more accurate and timely manner. The result will be enrollments information that are more current, and a reduction in the amount of overpayments. Once the EUTF is able to launch this electronic data exchange with the affected employers, the next focus will be towards implementing a paperless enrollment system that will include employee self-service, this will enable employees to enroll and edit their own personal enrolments information online.

**Sequence #99-001** – “Request reconsideration” Executive Biennium Budget request for \$50,000 in funds in FY 14 for a Wellness Plan Consultant.

**Comments:**

Allowing EUTF to contract a wellness plan consultant, who would work with the EUTF to develop a retiree focused wellness program by coordinating the resources of HMSA, Kaiser, CVS, and other resources, will result in a reduction of retiree claim costs and ultimately will lower the State and Counties’ retiree premium costs. Because the State and Counties pay 100% of the premiums for most retirees, the EUTF is taking a proactive approach that will have positive financial impacts on the State and Counties by improving retiree health and thereby lowering their utilization rates through wellness programs.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 151**

**Sequence #1060-600** – The House reduced 1.5 FTE permanent positions for vacancy savings within the Office of the Public Defender.

**Comments:** **The Legal Clerk, Position No. 101701, which is identified in House Draft 1 for abolishment, is no longer vacant, as the Office of the Public Defender has recently made an offer to fill this position.** The reason this position was vacant for an extended period is because pursuant to legislative mandate, we were required to convert what was previously an exempt position to civil service. We have recently accomplished the conversion and have just completed the recruitment process.

The PD Clerk, Position No. 101000, is a half-time position which supports the Office of the Public Defender’s fiscal operations. Timely and efficient processing of the fiscal workload of the office is necessary to ensure that vendors and others are paid on time. Currently, there is only 1.00 FTE Fiscal Clerk and the half time PD clerk position that are responsible for processing the billings and transactions that are necessary to support the mission of this office. Losing this half-time position would hamper the ability of this office to process these fiscal related matters in a timely manner.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 721, 725, 728**

**Sequence #100-001** – The House added 2.5% of base funds in FY 14 and 5% of base funds in FY 15 for debt service for the State, DOE, and UH.

**Comments:** The Department is still determining the required need of this appropriation based on the adjustments reflected in H.B. 200, H.D. 1.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 741, 745, 748**

**Sequence #100-001** – The House added 2.5% of base funds in FY 14 and 5% of base funds in FY 15 for retirement benefits payments for the State, DOE, and UH.

**Comments:** The Department is still determining the required need of this appropriation based on the adjustments reflected in H.B. 200, H.D. 1.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 761, 765, 768**

**Sequence #100-001** – The House added 2.5% of base funds in FY 14 and 5% of base funds in FY 15 for health premium payments for the State, DOE, and UH.

**Comments:** The Department is still determining the required need of this appropriation based on the adjustments reflected in H.B. 200, H.D. 1.

**PROGRAM ID: BUF 901**

**Sequence #90-001** - "Request reconsideration" Executive Biennium Budget request for \$2,615,870 in FY 14 and \$299,630 in FY 15 for the Public Utilities Commission office expansion and renovation.

**Comments:** The Department requests that the H.D. 1 adjustment be reconsidered. Full funding is necessary to implement the Commission's O`ahu office expansion, renovation, and staff augmentation as envisioned by Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. Receiving less than the full dollar amount associated with the Commission's O`ahu office expansion and renovation, which were in large part, based on DAGS Public Works Planning Division estimates, will be detrimental to the successful execution of this multi-phased expansion and renovations project.

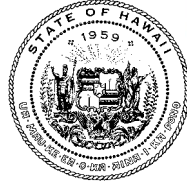
More specifically, the Commission requires funding, as requested, to pay for 1) moving costs prior to and upon completion of each construction phase; 2) equipment and modular furniture for twenty (20) staff (modular furniture will increase the efficient use of less than optimal net square footage ("nsf") allocations); and 3) necessary IT requirements associated with the expansion and renovations. .

The Commission would also like to bring to the attention of the Ways and Means Committee that a revised Form A is planned as part of a possible Governor's Message item that may be submitted shortly. The new Form A request would replace the original request and will incorporate additional costs that were not known and identified when the Executive Biennium Budget Request was initially submitted. Full funding to implement the Commission's O`ahu office expansion and renovations, as envisioned by Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, remains critical for the PUC to successful carry out its mission, goals, and objectives..

Thank you again, for the opportunity to present testimony in regards to these important departmental budgetary matters.

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The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Time: 9:00 A.M.  
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director  
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Re: H.B. 200 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Taxation (Department) **strongly supports** H.B. 200 HD1 which funds the operations of the Department and provides for capital improvement funds for its Tax System Modernization (TSM) project.

The Department of Taxation is the only state agency whose primary function is to collect revenue to support all other State operations. For every ½ cent spent to fund the Department, the Department collects \$1 in revenue. This amounts to approximately \$6 billion per year, or over \$15 million per Department employee.

Currently, much of the Department's processes and operations are manual. As a result, the Department's ability to enforce and collect revenue owed to the State is heavily dependent on receiving sufficient funding for staff positions. Experience has shown that there is a direct correlation between Department staffing and revenue collection levels. For example, between 2007 and 2011, the number of cases closed by our Office Audit section dropped from 12,400 to 7,200 cases; the resulting drop in tax assessments went from \$33 million to \$23 million. DOTAX aims to increase audits from 1% to 2% of the taxpayer population.

At the same time, the Department has been moving forward with its TSM project, which will enable the Department to more efficiently enforce and collect taxes through the use of automation and computer analytics. For those reasons, the Department strongly supports the \$16 million TSM funding in the capital improvement budget, as well as additional operating funds and positions dedicated to the TSM project. Delay or reduction in funding for the TSM will cause a substantial delay in the project. The Department has been diligently preparing for the TSM project since mid-2011 and will be in a position to move forward in FY2014.

The Department urges the Committee to commit sufficient funding for both the ongoing Department revenue collection operations, in addition to funding necessary to develop the TSM project. The ongoing collection effort, through sufficient staffing levels, not only pays for ongoing State programs and operations, but helps fund the cost of the new TSM project. Furthermore, funding for TSM is critical for the transition from our current computer system to a more robust tax enforcement and collection system. Delays in the development of the new system will only cost the state more in the long run in terms of uncollected tax revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.





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TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
March 19, 2013

H.B. 200, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200, H.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) provides the following comments on significant adjustments made to the Executive Budget in H.B. 200, H.D. 1 and respectfully requests your favorable consideration in restoring operating and CIP funding.

1. Risk Management Office: Subsequent to fiscal year 2009, the Risk Management Revolving Fund (the Fund) has incurred deficits ranging from \$700,000 to \$2.1 million. In fiscal year 2013, the projected deficit could be as high as \$4.6 million depending on the property claims to be paid for the UH building fire and the collapse of the Farrington High School auditorium, both of which occurred in calendar year 2012. The deficit began in fiscal year 2010 as a result of legislative adjustments made to reduce the programs general fund appropriation by approximately \$6 million annually. Additionally, the Fund has had to make several transfers to the general fund. As a result of the reduction in general fund appropriations, the programs balance has dropped from \$25.6 million at the end of fiscal year 2008 to a projected balance of \$16.6 million in fiscal year 2013. Although H.B. 200, H.D. 1 provides for a \$3 million appropriation in fiscal year 2014, there is no appropriation for fiscal year 2015. For the ongoing viability of the program, we are requesting a partial restoration of the \$6 million reduction through the Governor's Message dated February 12, 2013 requesting \$1.7 million and \$3 million, for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, respectively, in general funds for the program. This request will minimize the deficit in the Fund in fiscal year 2014 and from fiscal year 2015

on, provide revenues that will equal expenditures stabilizing the balance in the revolving fund.

If the general fund request of \$3 million is deleted in fiscal year 2015, coverage for property, liability, and crime insurance will be reduced or eliminated.

2. Elimination of vacant positions: In fiscal year 2008, DAGS had a total of 688 authorized general funded positions. Today, in fiscal year 2013 we have 536 authorized general funded positions. DAGS has taken a net reduction of 152 general funded positions (195 positions lost, 26 restored, 17 new) or a 22% reduction. We have been aggressively filling our positions as our vacancy rate at November 30, 2012 was 10.5% versus 20.3% at November 30, 2011. Although we have expedited the filling of our critical vacant positions, obtaining a Certified List of Eligibles from the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) and finding qualified applicants on the internal/external recruitment lists have been a huge challenge. Funding DHRD's four new positions in H.B. 200, H.D. 1 to address the backlog of departmental requests will assist enormously in our recruitment efforts.

Because of the prior year reductions, every position is valuable and the elimination of 20.18 (full time equivalent positions) vacant positions will take us a step back and will not move us forward to improving our service level and ensuring attainment of mission critical objectives.

3. Reduction in funding for vacant positions eliminated: H.B. 200, H.D. 1 reduces the budget by the amount budgeted for the vacant positions in fiscal year 2013. For the fiscal biennium 2013-2015, the vacant positions were budgeted at the minimum entry step for that position. As a result, \$872,673 was deducted from our program budgets for positions which were budgeted for a total of \$757,794 in each fiscal year. As a result, our program budgets were reduced an additional \$114,879 in each fiscal year, which if left unchanged will result in a "negative budget" adjustment as there will not be enough funds available for the remaining positions.
4. Archives Division, Digital Archives Project: The purpose of this project is to provide the State Archivist with the authority, hardware, and software to manage digital archives through the authorization of technical standards for digital archives and to ensure the long term preservation of permanent digital records by obtaining and storing them centrally. The authority is being sought through S.B. 997 (H.B. 761, companion), which also creates a special fund to collect fees assessed to fund expenditures for continued self-sustaining operation.

Relative to the hardware and software, the Archives Division is currently in the first year of a three-year project (2013-2015) to build a digital archives and the current budget request is for the second and third years of the project. The reduction of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2014 and the elimination of the special fund ceiling request of \$325,000 for fiscal year 2015 will effectively end the project leaving the Archives without the capacity to accept those digital records that are scheduled as permanent that agencies are currently producing and therefore will be unable to meet its statutory obligation to collect and preserve the state's permanent records in accordance with Chapter 94, HRS. The funding is needed

to complete the architecture, development of the software, and acquisition of the hardware to commence the pilot project. By fiscal year 2015, the digital archives is planned to go into full production. Thus, without the general funds, the project cannot be completed and without the special fund account and expenditure ceiling there is no account to retain the fees to fund the third year (fiscal year 2015) and make the digital archives a self-funded initiative.

5. OIMT Requests: We ask that careful consideration for reinstatement of the operating and CIP budget reductions from that program be taken into account as the attainment of the Governor's New Day initiatives are critically important. Due to the technical nature of the operating and CIP budget requests, DAGS defers detailed impact discussion to the Chief Information Officer.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
MARCH 19, 2013  
ROOM 211  
9:00 A.M.

HOUSE BILL NO. 200 HD 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 200 HD 1 relating to the State Budget. This bill provides operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for Executive Branch agencies and programs for FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015. The Department supports this bill.

Staffing plays a vital role in ensuring the Department is able to carry out its mandated responsibilities. House adjustments have removed key positions within the Department and we would ask that the Senate take a second look at those positions in the light of the impact statements we have provided to the Ways and Means Committee staff.

House adjustments to programmatic initiatives put forward by the Executive budget deleted programmit funding for foreign exploration for biocontrol, expanding the "Buy Local, It Matters" campaign, in-shipment data collection, and repair and maintenance. All of these initiatives were to be funded through special funds. Foreign exploration is an essential component for our biocontrol program and has resulted in numerous successes including, more recently, the release of the secusio moth that has



been vetted and introduced in to Hawaii to combat the invasive fireweed that is threatening the viability of the cattle industry. Expansion of the “Buy Local, It Matters” campaign was identified in the “Increased Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy” as a necessary action step to increase the demand for and access to locally grown foods. In-shipment data collection was also identified in the same strategy as an action step to provide the policy and organizational support needed to meet food self-sufficiency goals. Finally, funding for repair and maintenance would ensure that Departmental facilities were maintained to ensure the safety of Department staff and prevent further deterioration of facilities and equipment.

House adjustments to the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget include the reduction of funds for various department irrigation projects including the deletion of the Waimea Homestead Association project, while including additional CIP projects that were not in the Executive budget. The Department stands by our CIP projects submitted in the Executive budget as they have been properly vetted by the Department and deemed essential.

The Department is looking forward to the opportunity to work with appropriate staff as the budget continues to be adjusted before its final iteration.

Thank you, again, for this opportunity to present our testimony



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**HB 200, HD1**  
**RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

While DBEDT's budget is small, representing just over one-tenth-of-one-percent (0.127 percent) of the total state budget, we believe it is important. The slow growth of our economy over the past 20 years (0.8% real growth) and the fact that our unfunded liabilities are likely to grow due to unfavorable demographics, means the State needs to refocus our efforts on driving growth in the economy.

### **Hawaii Economic Conditions**

Hawaii's economy continues to recover from the great recession. The visitor industry is robust and housing and construction are enjoying a strong rebound; so, despite the Federal sequester, we are still expecting positive growth this year.

The Council on Revenues voted last week to increase Hawaii's general fund revenue forecast from 5.1 percent to 6.7 percent growth in 2013 and from 6.8 percent to 7.3 percent in 2014. I would characterize that as a very strong expectation for economic growth.

## **Our Primary Initiative**

Our top first priority in this legislative session addresses Hawaii's need to embark on a growth strategy. Past experience has shown us that the role of government is not to pick winners, but to foster an environment for success where entrepreneurs can thrive and grow.

It is important to promote growth because we cannot continue to rely on tax increases and cuts to government services as the only measures to address the resource demands of our aging population, our aging infrastructure and our large unfunded liabilities.

The HI Growth Initiative - a \$20 million investment program - is fundamentally different from past efforts that relied primarily on tax credits to stimulate a sector. This initiative is designed to foster the development of an entire ecosystem focusing on high growth export oriented businesses. Thanks to previous legislative programs we already have the key elements to support a knowledge and creative based cluster, including mentoring programs, incubators and a small amount of seed capital.

However, we are still short on capital and we need a program that ties all of these elements together. We believe the Hi Growth Initiative, which uses elements of successful programs throughout the U.S. will serve as a catalyst to stimulate growth in this cluster.

## **Refinery Task Force**

With the pending sale or closure of Tesoro, understanding the implications and ramifications this may have on the prices and supply of Hawaii oil based imports is critical to our economy.

We are seeking funding to support the efforts of the Governor's Refinery Task Force, which will investigate these impacts.

## **Research Support**

The reduction in DBEDT's vacant position in the Research and Economic Analysis Division is problematic. Recruitment has been completed and the new hire is scheduled to start in two weeks (April 1, 2013).

If the legislature eliminates this position, the economic reports pursuant to HRS 201-3(b) (*The Hawaii Targeted and Emerging Industry Study*) and HRS 201-19(b) (*The Hawaii Self-Sufficiency Income Standard*), will be delayed or impossible to complete.

Further, funding is also needed to complete the HGEA settlement on the DBEDT reorganization of 2010, which involves upgrades and wage increases for two positions.

## **Renewable Energy Efforts**

The State has made great strides in fulfilling the mission of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative. We are considered a national leader in clean energy and rank in the top 3 in the nation in a number of key areas. Without full funding for the State Energy Office, we will seriously cripple the State's progress in this important area. Our impact statements to the Ways and Means staff expand on this area in detail.

## **Overseas Trade Promotion**

The reductions in BED 100 will prevent the department from conducting the audit of our overseas offices that the legislature mandated last year.

The reductions will also eliminate participation in the Tokyo International Gift Show which will affect 40 Hawaii companies exhibiting at the largest tradeshow in Asia. The dollar value of new exports achieved at this show last year was \$2.87 million which resulted in \$200,000 in state tax revenues.

## **Film Industry Support**

The House reluctance to give any funding to either personnel or maintenance for the Hawaii Film Office and Creative Industries is extremely counterproductive to Hawaii's long history of welcoming film and television production here.

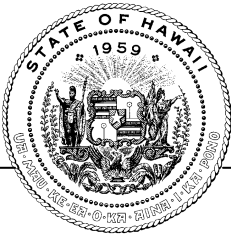
It could also limit the growth of an industry that consistently contributes to Hawaii's image – as well as its economy.

## **Closing**

Thank you for your consideration of our budget requests.

I have asked my DBEDT managers to speak with each of you regarding the specifics of their budget line items. I ask that you hear them out and consider the implications of their programs on the business community.





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Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of  
**HB 200, HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

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

The State Office of Planning (SOP) **supports the original, unamended version** of House Bill 200, Relating to the State Budget. In particular, the original bill appropriates much-needed SOP funding and positions for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

With the support of the Governor and the Legislature, SOP has made successful contributions to the state, which is discussed in our report to the Governor and this Legislature at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/main/about/annual/2012-reports/2012-op.pdf>. In particular, SOP contributed to various statewide and regional planning activities related to coastal and ocean policy; provided land use planning and evaluation tools for state and county decision-makers; prepared statewide economic development strategies; and coordinated statewide issues like transit-oriented development, food security, and climate change adaptation strategies to meet the needs of current and future generations.

SOP has lost more than 80% of its generally funded staff since the early 1990s; however, our basic functions have not changed. The aforementioned activities were conducted in addition to SOP's basic functions, which include the following:

- Reviewing and issuing of special management area (SMA) permits for projects within the Hawaii community development districts and coordinating SMA permitting activities with the counties;
- Reviewing and issuing of Coastal Zone Management Act federal consistency determinations for certain federal actions and activities;
- Developing, coordinating, and presenting the position of the State in all boundary change petitions and proceedings before the Land Use Commission, which includes coordinating with county, state, and federal agencies and pre-consultation meetings with petitioners; and
- Collecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and disseminating geospatial data and information, to further effective state planning, policy analysis and development, and delivery of government services.

Since the Administration took office, the economy has begun to improve. This means added pressures on our communities, resources, and public infrastructure. It is imperative that we continue to support comprehensive statewide planning to meet the physical, economic, and social needs of Hawaii's people, while providing for the wise use of Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical manner.

We are grateful that the House kept some of our requests in HB200 HB1; however, we urge your committee to put our original requests back into the bill as follows:

- **One Generally Funded Planner Position.** Without this Planner position, SOP will not be able to assist state agencies with the preparation of New Day strategic plans and priority capital improvement projects. SOP will not be able to conduct projects currently being requested by the Legislature such as transit-oriented development, sustainability coordination, and greenways.
- **Addition of \$23,045 for Existing Planner Position.** Due to recent personnel changes, the projected shortfall can currently be managed. However, if the previous incumbent in the position exercises return rights and returns to the position, there would not be sufficient funds for the returnee's salary. In addition, SOP will require additional funds for labor saving restoration. Five percent (5%) of our FY13 base personnel budget is \$44,418. That is \$13,784 more than the budgeted amount of \$30,634 in Seq. No. 3-001.

Thank you for your consideration of our budget requests. We look forward to your continued support of statewide planning.



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March 18, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
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Dear Senator Ige:

Per your request in your memorandum dated March 8, 2013, the Department of Education (DOE) has reviewed the budget changes<sup>1</sup> in H.B. 200, H.D. 1, for fiscal years (FYs) 2013-14 and 2014-15. The DOE is grateful for the inclusion of three requests for additional funding in the House Draft of the budget.

However, the trade-off and transfer additions within the operating budget base were not funded. The DOE made a concerted effort to align the budget with the updated Strategic Plan and are funding these initiatives internally by utilizing transfers between programs. In addition, the capital improvements program (CIP) budget was also adjusted.

Without the transfer additions, the following is a list of some of the important strategic initiatives that will not be funded: WASC Accreditation for all schools, Common Core Digital Curriculum, ESEA Flexibility Application, ACT and Bridge Assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards, ERP implementation support, complex area IT managers and reorganization of Office of Information Technology Services (OITS).

### **OPERATING BUDGET**

Overall, the operating budget of the DOE was reduced by \$19,646,914 in FY 2013-14 and by \$43,652,365 in FY 2014-15 compared to the budget submitted by the Governor. Within these amounts is a general fund reduction of \$12,521,914 in FY 2013-14 and \$20,402,365 in FY 2014-15 to the DOE's base budget appropriation. A summary of the adjustments made in the House version of the budget is shown in Attachment A, with key impacts summarized for each line. While some of the budget requests for new funding above current base budget amounts were approved in the House version of the budget, the DOE has grave concerns about the reductions to general fund positions and salaries and funds proposed to be reallocated within the base budget that together make up the reductions totaling \$12,521,914 in FY 2013-14 and \$20,402,365 in FY 2014-15. These concerns are outlined below.

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<sup>1</sup> This review does not include comments in the budget changes for the Hawaii State Public Library System (EDN 407), Charter Schools (EDN 600), and the Early Learning Program (EDN 700).

Additional Funds for Weighted Student Formula (WSF), Development of Hawaiian Language Test, Athletics

As stated earlier, there were requests for additional funds that were approved in the House version of the budget, and the DOE is appreciative of the additional funds, particularly the additional funds for WSF which will help schools accommodate the additional students anticipated to enroll next school year.

Trade-offs and Transfers

In the beginning stages of the development of the biennium budget for FB 2013-15, the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) issued Finance Memorandum 12-12, which outlined the guidelines and policies for the preparation of the budget. The first general policy, which has been in place for many years, states:

“Under their respective budget ceilings, departments are authorized and encouraged to recommend trade-offs and transfers within and among programs under their purview to reflect the department’s current priorities and changing conditions.”

The DOE followed this policy and proceeded to build the general fund budget to align with the current needs of the DOE as outlined in the DOE Strategic Plan. The DOE agrees with the Committee Report for H.B. 200, HD1: “your Committee is concerned with an approach to budgeting which asserts that departments should be entitled to their base funding levels...” That is why most general fund programs, with the exception of WSF, were subject to a self-imposed reduction of 10% of their non-salary budget for FY 2012-13. In most cases, the DOE grouped the reductions of several programs and funded several initiatives.

The DOE takes the responsibility of supporting our students and staff seriously. In order to effectively implement the updated Strategic Plan, the DOE took a hard look at financial resources to ensure funding supports aligned with measurable reform efforts. The process used to create the general fund budget demonstrates that the DOE’s leadership team is committed to changing the “business as usual” philosophy, and is changing the way things are done for the benefit of public school students. If we allowed the programs to continue with previous levels of funding, the changes necessary to make meaningful impact for public school students would not happen.

In addition to the 10% self-imposed reduction in non-salary funds, the DOE also changed the way Impact Aid is reflected in the budget. By budgeting Impact Aid in EDN 400 for items such as repair and maintenance and utilities, the DOE is able to move away from budgeting Impact Aid for ongoing operating expenses such as salaries. In addition, given the uncertain outlook for the federal budget, swapping the Impact Aid funds between the EDN100 and EDN400 budget supports efforts to provide schools with predictable funding support. This was another transfer of funds that was denied in the House Draft of the budget.

The DOE disagrees with the Committee Report statement that it has excess funds. The DOE has initiated self-imposed internal restrictions of 10% for most programs, with the exception of WSF, for the past two years. In FY 2011-12, it was done in recognition of the potential for a restriction imposed by the Governor, which was imposed in the middle of FY 2011-12 at the

level of \$10,536,701. For this fiscal year, an internal restriction was again imposed in recognition of the potential for a Governor's restriction, which in August 2012 was issued at the level of \$12,243,122. In no way was this internal restriction characterized as excess funds.

#### Vacancy Reductions

The DOE is concerned with the reductions in funding for vacant positions, as most of the reductions are from EDN 150, which provides direct services to special education students. It is also important to note that the DOE already has an assumption for vacancy savings built into the budget, which means the DOE realizes that not all budgeted positions are filled for the entire fiscal year. For fiscal biennium 2013-15, this amount is approximately \$46 million in each year of the biennium. Due to Section 133.4 of Act 106, SLH 2012, which prohibits the inclusion of negative salary amounts in the budget, the DOE distributed this negative amount across all budgeted general funded positions. In other words, the DOE already budgets for an assumed level of vacancy/turnover savings.

In addition, there are positions that were eliminated that are no longer vacant as of February 28, 2013.

#### Common Core Digital Curriculum Initiative

The DOE is concerned that the funding for the Common Core Digital Curriculum (CCDC) initiative was not funded. This initiative is a driving component in the DOE's strategy for achieving goal one of the DOE Strategic Plan – Student Success in College and Careers. The Common Core State Standards call for much deeper mastery of content and skills in order for students to achieve college- and career-readiness. Digital devices and curriculum are paramount to ensuring equitable access to high quality materials for all students. Hawaii schools are already realizing the positive impact of digital curriculum and devices (i.e., at Ben Parker Elementary, Kalani High School, and Keeau Elementary, Middle, and High Schools). Other states, such as Maine, and large school districts such as Huntsville, Alabama, have seen improvements in student engagement and writing linked to the implementation of a digital learning strategy.

National research also reinforces the critical role that technology plays in supporting effective instruction, engaging students in their learning, and improving student achievement. A 2013 survey of Advanced Placement and National Writing Project teachers found that 84 percent use the internet at least weekly to find content that will engage students, and 92 percent said the internet has a major impact on their ability to access content and materials for their teaching.

Further, students whose teachers asked them to use computers frequently to draft and revise their writing scored 5-19 points higher on the 2011 NAEP writing assessment.

The DOE also notes the proviso in Section 19 of the bill, which asks for information on the implementation of the CCDC initiative. Information requested in the proviso is provided in the comment for that specific proviso in Attachment B.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET**

While H.B. 200, H.D.1, restored funding in some areas of the DOE's CIP request as contained in the Executive Budget, a number of important needs have been left unmet.

First of all, we respectfully request that the Senate consider funding our CIP request in accordance with the newly established Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of *Condition, Program Support, Capacity, and Equity* and as submitted in the Governor's Executive Budget. We believe that the establishment of these new KPIs is the most effective way to address the myriad needs that our public schools face. Providing funding in these KPIs would enable to DOE to react more efficiently and flexibly to address our schools' needs.

Among the specific items of concern are:

1. **Reduction in Funding for Kihei High School**

In this year's budget, we requested \$130 million to construction a new high school in Kihei, Maui. This funding was reduced in half in the House version of the budget to \$65 million. We recognize that this is still a significant level of funding and, given all the other obligations that the state faces, our original request may be difficult to support, but we would appreciate consideration of restoring the level of funding to what was requested. In planning for new schools going forward, we believe it would be prudent to begin in earnest with Kihei High School during this biennium. While the \$65 million would allow us to start, it would limit how we could go about accomplishing the work and thus escalate the cost and time. In addition, splitting the funding across two biennium budgets would put an additional burden on the next budget, in which we see other school priorities (including other new schools) that will be competing for funding, with the likelihood that these other priorities might be delayed.

2. **Kohala High School New Classroom Building**

We request that consideration be given to provide funding of \$9.5 million for the construction of a new classroom at Kohala High School. Of the current program support requirements, this project ranks very high in priority.

Finally, we ask for consideration to increase the funding for the Structural Improvements Lump Sum appropriation from \$3 million to \$11 million. Although the House version of the budget did include the \$3 million in our initial budget request, our initial request did not include the cost of rebuilding the Farrington High School Auditorium, since the roof collapse occurred after budgets had been submitted. We have recently received an early rough estimate of \$8 million from our design consultants for this work and request that this be added to the Structural Improvements Lump Sum.

## **PROVISOS**

The DOE has concerns with the provisos included in the House version of the budget. Specific concerns with each proviso are outlined in Attachment B.

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
March 18, 2013  
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Should you have any questions regarding the operating budget, please contact Ms. Amy S. Kunz, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, at 586-3737. Questions concerning the CIP budget should be directed to Mr. Raymond L'Heureux, Assistant Superintendent, Office of School Facilities and Support Services, at 586-3444.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

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EDN 300/KC	12-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 300/KC to EDN 300/UA to accurately reflect program needs.	A	(1.00)			(1.00)									Transfer is for BOE position to support OITS reorganization. Position duties to include support video conferences and other technology for meetings in the Board Conference Room. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget.
EDN 300/UA	12-002	Transfer FTE from EDN 300/KC to EDN 300/UA to accurately reflect program needs.	A	1.00			1.00									Transfer is for BOE position to support OITS reorganization. Position duties to include support video conferences and other technology for meetings in the Board Conference Room. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget.
EDN 200/GD	22-001	Transfer FTEs from EDN 200/GD to EDN 100/CB to accurately reflect program needs	A	(2.00)			(2.00)									Two positions are to support WASC Accreditation for all schools as outlined in goal 3 of Strategic Plan. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/CB	21-001	Transfer FTEs from EDN 200/GD to EDN 100/CB to accurately reflect program needs	A	2.00			2.00									Two positions are to support WASC Accreditation for all schools as outlined in goal 3 of Strategic Plan. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 500/PC	20-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PC to EDN 150/FB to accurately reflect program needs	A	(1.00)			(1.00)									To provide a Vice Principal for the Hawaii School for Deaf and Blind to assist in meeting the administrative workload at this special K-12 school that includes student boarding services. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/FB	22-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PC to EDN 150/FB to accurately reflect program needs	A	1.00			1.00									To provide a Vice Principal for the Hawaii School for Deaf and Blind to assist in meeting the administrative workload at this special K-12 school that includes student boarding services. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 500/PB	21-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PB to EDN 150/VA to accurately reflect program needs	A	(1.00)			(1.00)									To convert a temporary to permanent a position that supports pre-K SPED programs for the Student Support Services Branch. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/VA	23-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PB to EDN 150/VA to accurately reflect program needs	A	1.00			1.00									To convert a temporary to permanent a position that supports pre-K SPED programs for the Student Support Services Branch. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 500/PC	22-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PC to EDN 300/KO to accurately reflect program needs	A	(0.50)			(0.50)									For a .5 position to support the Criminal History Background check program to assist with conducting checks on all new employees including casual hires. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KO	26-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 500/PC to EDN 300/KO to accurately reflect program needs	A	0.50			0.50									For a .5 position to support the Criminal History Background check program to assist with conducting checks on all new employees including casual hires. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 500/PC	23-001	Transfer FTEs from EDN 500/PC to EDN 200/GJ to accurately reflect program needs	A		(12.00)			(12.00)								To support the new alternative certification program for school administrators to house Vice Principals in while they go through rigorous training programs. This is a continuation of a RTTT initiative aligned to goal 2 objective 2A. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GJ	23-001	Transfer FTEs from EDN 500/PC to EDN 200/GJ to accurately reflect program needs	A		12.00			12.00								To support the new alternative certification program for school administrators to house Vice Principals in while they go through rigorous training programs. This is a continuation of a RTTT initiative aligned to goal 2 objective 2A. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 200/GD	24-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 200/GD to EDN 300/KF to accurately reflect program needs	A		(1.00)			(1.00)								- To allow for participation in the statewide Enterprise Resources Planning effort that includes developing specifications, testing, and implementation. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KF	27-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 200/GD to EDN 300/KF to accurately reflect program needs	A		1.00			1.00								- To allow for participation in the statewide Enterprise Resources Planning effort that includes developing specifications, testing, and implementation. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/VA	24-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 150/VA to EDN 300/KF to accurately reflect program needs	A		(1.00)			(1.00)								- To allow for participation in the statewide Enterprise Resources Planning effort that includes developing specifications, testing, and implementation. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KF	28-001	Transfer FTE from EDN 150/VA to EDN 300/KF to accurately reflect program needs	A		1.00			1.00								- To allow for participation in the statewide Enterprise Resources Planning effort that includes developing specifications, testing, and implementation. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/AA	99-001	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			2,875,457			2,875,457							- To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/AB	99-002	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			33,040,309			33,040,309							- To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BS	99-003	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			289,885			289,885							- For updated salary requirement for the JROTC program based on payroll snapshot taken in March 2012 for BJ tables and reduction of non-payroll budget. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BV	99-004	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			7,033			7,033							- Hawaiian Language Immersion Program adjust for salary update and non-payroll reduction. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BX	69-006, 99-005	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			(469,079)			29,041			(469,079)				- For the salary update and non-payroll reduction and in the second year funds being repurposed for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/CB	99-006	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			703,115			703,115							- To fund the WASC accreditation initiative for all schools as outlined in Goal 3 of Strategic Plan. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/CQ	99-007	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			188,316			6,438,316							- Year 1 increase relates to ESEA Flexibility reporting and position request in seq. 95-001. Year 2 for positions and funds to partially fund Common Core Digital Curriculum from funds transferred from Utilities budgeted in EDN400. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 150/FA	99-001	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			3,277,177			3,277,177							-	To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/FB	99-002	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			76,047			76,047							-	For HSDB for salary for the Vice Principal (see seq 22-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/FC	99-003	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			222,301			222,301							-	To support Extended School Year program for special education. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/FD	99-004	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			139,153			139,153							-	To support SPED programs such as Contracted SPED Services and Attorney and Related Fees. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GB	69-001, 99-001	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			(16,644)			563,037			(16,644)				-	2nd Year to support continued coordination of RTTT reform efforts by the Office of Strategic Reform. RTTT grant ends September 2014. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GC	99-002	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			64,946			64,946							-	For salary requirements for administrative support of initiatives lead by the Office of College and Career Readiness (formerly known as OCISS). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GD	99-003	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			1,243,658			1,527,865							-	For funding support of ESEA Flexibility - Teams for School Improvement, and for Family Support. (see 93-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GG	69-002, 99-004	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			(40,301)			282,016			(40,301)				-	For positions in the 2nd year for Virtual Learning program support. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GH	99-005	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			589,778			1,561,588							-	For sabbaticals for teachers per teachers contract. Year 2 adds funds for continued support of RTTT initiative related to evaluation of principals and teachers. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GJ	99-006	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			638,662			1,053,362							-	For sabbaticals for Education Officers and classified employees per contracts. Year 2 adds funds for alternative certification program (seq 23-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GM	99-007	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			20,779			20,779							-	Funds for Teleschools for salary update. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GP	69-004, 99-008	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			1,128,914			(44,692)						(44,692)	-	Funding for student assessments aligned to Common Core State Standards year 1 only. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KC	99-001	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			100,435			100,435							-	For salary update based on staff of three to support Board of Education after re-organization of Board Office. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KD	99-002	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			922,422			1,336,177							-	Funds for Communications and Data Governance support to maintain the Longitudinal Data System funding after federal grant funding and Federal Compliance aligned for Goal 3 in Strategic Plan (seq 90-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 300/KH	99-003	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			130,360			130,360							Funds to support Civil Rights Compliance program for continual training and monitoring on Civil Rights issues (92-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KO	99-004	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			724,350			554,402							Funds for Human Resources to facilitate recruitment at the district level, temporary disability insurance support, and operational support for Goal 2 initiatives. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget (seq. 93-001)
EDN 300/UA	99-005	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			396,053			366,800							Funds related to the Office of Information Technology Services reorganization supporting the eCSSS (SPED student information system) and complex area technology support (building capacity for support of the school level) relating to Goal 3. (seq. 94-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 400/OC	69-004	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			(26,537,867)			(26,537,867)			(2,625,346)			(2,625,346)	Due primarily to shift of Impact Aid federal funds from EDN100 to EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 400/OE	69-006	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			(15,131,296)			(23,483,079)						(8,361,783)	Request due primarily to shift of Impact Aid federal funds from EDN100 to EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. Year 2 increase due to electricity savings from PV expansion. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 500/WA	99-001	Reallocation of funds to realign budget to fund high priority initiatives and more accurately reflect expenditures	A			702,000			702,000							For support of students with special needs that attend A+. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/AB	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/AB	N			(40,440,343)			(40,440,343)							To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/FA	60-001	Reduce federal fund ceiling in EDN 150/FA	N			(3,407,894)			(3,407,894)							To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 400/OC	90-001	Add federal fund ceiling in EDN 400/OC	N			26,012,523			26,012,523							To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 400/OE	90-001	Add federal fund ceiling in EDN 400/OE	N			17,835,714			17,835,714							- To replace the Impact Aid offset amounts with general funds from EDN400. Use of Impact Aid in EDN400 will support efforts to communicate clearly on its use for school maintenance and utilities with Legislators, the Congressional delegation, and the military community, as well as maximize the use of these funds. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BB	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/BB	N			(3,500,000)			(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/BB	90-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/BB	P			3,000,000			3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/CN	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/CN	N			(3,500,000)			(3,500,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/CN	90-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/CN	P			3,500,000			3,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DB	60-001	Reduce federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DB	N			(34,886,578)			(35,291,771)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DE	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DE	N			(259,884)			(259,984)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DH	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DH	N			(420,000)			(420,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DH	90-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DH	P			439,000			439,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DL	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DL	N			(3,158,279)			(3,158,279)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DQ	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DQ	N			(235,000)			(235,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DQ	90-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DQ	P			739,689			95,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DR	60-001	Delete federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DR	N			(2,500,000)			(2,500,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 100/DR	90-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 100/DR	P			10,000,000			10,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 150/NB	60-001, 90-001	Add federal fund ceiling in EDN 150/NB	N		(2.00)	3,436,866		(2.00)	3,436,866	-	-	3,547,689	-	-	3,547,689	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 150/NB	91-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 150/NB	P		2.00	92,500		2.00	92,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 150/ND	60-001	Reduce federal fund ceiling in EDN 150/ND	N			(5,270)			(5,270)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 200/GP	98-001	Add other federal fund ceiling in EDN 200/GP	P		1.00	215,000		1.00	220,000		1.00	187,000		1.00	187,000	- The House rejected most increases in federal funds and N to P fund conversions, which was a directive of B&F.
EDN 400/MB	90-001	Adjust federal fund ceiling for EDN 400/MB	N			159,032			(252,311)							- Increase necessary to leverage available federal funds. Program will not be able to spend available funds
EDN 400/MD	90-001	Adjust federal fund ceiling for EDN 400/MD	N			1,972,885			3,178,185							- Increase necessary to leverage available federal funds. Program will not be able to spend available funds
EDN 400/MB	91-001	Increase special fund ceiling in EDN 400/MB	B			638,701			638,701							- Increase necessary to leverage available special funds. Program will not be able to spend available funds
EDN 400/MD	61-001, 92-001	Increase special fund ceiling in EDN 400/MD	B			5,484,948			5,484,948							- Increase necessary to leverage available special funds. Program will not be able to spend available funds

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EDN 400/OG	62-001, 93-001	Reduce special fund celling in EDN 400/OG	B			(200,000)			(200,000)							-	Community Use of Facilities celling adjustment. Program celling will not be aligned with planned expenditures.
EDN 150/YK	93-001	Increase revolving fund celling for EDN 150/YK	W			1,500,000			1,500,000							-	If additional revenue is realized, program will not be able to expend additional funds.
EDN 100/BJ	94-001	Requesting two (2) additional permanent teacher FTEs to provide services for the Hale Hoomalu program located in the Juvenile Detention Facility in Kapolei	A	2.00			2.00									-	To provide additional educational services at the Juvenile Detention Facility related to increases in demands. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BJ	94-001	Requesting one (1) additional security attendant for the Olomana Youth Center	A	1.00			1.00									-	For additional security support to ensure safety of students due to increases in demand. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BJ	94-001	Additional position for Olomana School	A	0.75			0.75									-	For additional security support to ensure safety of students due to increases in demand. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/CQ	95-001	Requesting four (4) positions to meet ESEA reporting requirements.	A	4.00			4.00									-	Year 1 increase relates to ESEA Flexibility reporting and position request in seq. 95-001. Year 2 for positions and funds to partially fund Common Core Digital Curriculum from funds transferred from Utilities budgeted in EDN400. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/BX	96-001	Requesting one (1) additional position for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program	A	1.00			1.00									-	For the salary update and non-payroll reduction and in the second year funds being repurposed for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150/YG	92-001	Additional positions for Services for Children with Autism	A	88.00			88.00									-	For an expansion of the Autism Centers of Excellence by shifting from contracted services to employees to provide better supports for children with Autism. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GB	91-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Office of Strategic Reform	A					6.00								-	2nd Year to support continued coordination of RTTT reform efforts by the Office of Strategic Reform. RTTT grant ends September 2014. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GC	92-001	Request for an additional three (3) Secretary positions for the Instructional Services Branch	A	3.00			3.00									-	For salary requirements for administrative support of initiatives lead by the Office of College and Career Readiness (formerly known as OCISS). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GD	93-001	Request for an additional thirty eight (38) FTEs to create Teams for School Improvement	A		38.00			38.00								-	For funding support of ESEA Flexibility - Teams for School Improvement, and for Family Support. (see 93-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GD	94-001	Request for one (1) temporary FTE for Family Support	A		1.00			1.00								-	For funding support of ESEA Flexibility - Teams for School Improvement, and for Family Support. (see 93-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GG	95-001	Request for six (6) FTEs in FY 2015 for the Hawaii Virtual Learning Network	A				6.00									-	For positions in the 2nd year for Virtual Learning program support. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GH	96-001	Request for two (2) FTEs to continue support for the Race to the Top Evaluations Project	A				2.00									-	For sabbaticals for teachers per teachers contract. Year 2 adds funds for continued support of RTTT Initiative related to evaluation of principals and teachers. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KD	90-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Federal Compliance and Management Office	A		4.00			4.00								-	Funds for Communications and Data Governance support to maintain the Longitudinal Data System funding after federal grant funding and Federal Compliance aligned for Goal 3 in Strategic Plan (seq 90-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 300/KD	90-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Communications Office	A	7.00			7.00									Funds for Communications and Data Governance support to maintain the Longitudinal Data System funding after federal grant funding and Federal Compliance aligned for Goal 3 in Strategic Plan (seq 90-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KD	90-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Data Governance Office	A				6.00									Funds for Communications and Data Governance support to maintain the Longitudinal Data System funding after federal grant funding and Federal Compliance aligned for Goal 3 in Strategic Plan (seq 90-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KF	91-001	Request for an additional FTE for the Budget Branch	A		1.00			1.00								For an Office Assistant to support development of the SASA Academy (on-line training). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KF	91-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Accounting Services Branch	A	1.00	8.00		1.00	8.00								Positions to monitor leave accounting and salary over-payments and in preparation of data-alignment required for the ERP. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KF	91-001	Request for additional FTEs for the ERP Installation Team	A		2.00			2.00								To allow for participation in the statewide Enterprise Resources Planning effort that includes developing specifications, testing, and implementation. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KH	92-001	Request for additional temporary FTEs for the Civil Rights Compliance Office	A		2.00			2.00								Funds to support Civil Rights Compliance program for continual training and monitoring on Civil Rights issues (92-001). For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/KO	93-001	Request for an additional FTE for the Personnel Assistance Branch for Temporary Disability Insurance function support	A	1.00			1.00									Funds for Human Resources to facilitate recruitment at the district level, temporary disability insurance support, and operational support for Goal 2 initiatives. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget (seq. 93-001)
EDN 300/KO	93-001	Request for an additional FTE for the Personnel Management Branch to provide additional support services to the Kona area	A	1.00			1.00									Funds for Human Resources to facilitate recruitment at the district level, temporary disability insurance support, and operational support for Goal 2 initiatives. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget (seq. 93-001)
EDN 300/KO	93-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Office of Human Resources	A	4.00			4.00			3.00			3.00			Funds for Human Resources to facilitate recruitment at the district level, temporary disability insurance support, and operational support for Goal 2 initiatives. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget (seq. 93-001)
EDN 300/UA	94-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Enterprise Systems Branch (formerly Information System Services Branch) in the Office of Information and Technology Services	A	5.00			5.00									Funds related to the Office of Information Technology Services reorganization supporting the eCSSS (SPED student information system) and complex area technology support (building capacity for support of the school level) relating to Goal 3. (seq. 94-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300/UA	94-001	Request for additional FTEs for the Office of Information and Technology Services	A	15.00	1.00		15.00	1.00								Funds related to the Office of Information Technology Services reorganization supporting the eCSSS (SPED student information system) and complex area technology support (building capacity for support of the school level) relating to Goal 3. (seq. 94-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget

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EDN 300/UA	94-001	Request for additional FTEs for the School Process and Analysis Branch (formerly Information Resource Management Branch) of the Office of Information and Technology Services	A	6.00			6.00				-			-			Funds related to the Office of Information Technology Services reorganization supporting the eCSSS (SPED student information system) and complex area technology support (building capacity for support of the school level) relating to Goal 3. (seq. 94-001) For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100/CQ	93-001	Additional funds for the Common Core Instructional Materials	A	-	-	7,125,000	-	-	22,250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200/GP	90-001	Additional funds to develop the Common Core State Standards Assessment in Hawaiian	A	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	This is a recurring need. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 100	1060-600	Vacancy Savings	A								(2.00)	(63,631)		(2.00)	(63,631)		The Department already has -\$46 million factored into the salary budget. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 150	1060-600	Vacancy Savings	A							(27.50)	(50.38)	(2,256,632)	(27.50)	(50.38)	(2,256,632)		The Department already has -\$46 million factored into the salary budget. Position reductions in EDN150 will have direct impacts on services for special needs students. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 200	1060-600	Vacancy Savings	A							(5.00)	(1.00)	(188,538)	(5.00)	(1.00)	(188,538)		The Department already has -\$46 million factored into the salary budget. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 300	1060-600	Vacancy Savings	A							(24.00)	(1.00)	(1,088,145)	(24.00)	(1.00)	(1,088,145)		The Department already has -\$46 million factored into the salary budget. Position reductions in this area will have a negative impact on the Department's reorganization that has already gone through consult and confirm with the unions. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget
EDN 400	1060-600	Vacancy Savings	A							(9.00)		(486,635)	(9.00)		(486,635)		The Department already has -\$46 million factored into the salary budget. For additional comments, please see the Impact Statement on the House Draft of the Budget



SECTION 19. Provided that the department of education shall prepare a comprehensive report for the implementation of state common core instructional materials that includes:

- (1) A prioritized listing of complex areas, the reason the complex area has been assigned a certain level of priority, the projected number of students serviced, and the projected cost of providing instructional materials for the complex area by school;
- (2) The estimated total cost for instructional materials and the projected cost of additional staffing, training, and equipment necessary to maintain the program and instructional materials;
- (3) A thorough analysis of the various technological devices available for purchase relating to the department of education's purposes and a cost benefit analysis of each device identified;
- (4) A thorough analysis as to any direct or indirect financial impact implementation may have on parents, guardians and students, including but not limited to an assessment of any potential costs incurred through theft insurance, replacement and repair policies, internet connectivity and wireless capabilities;

and provided further that the department shall submit the report to the legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular session.

COMMENT:

This proviso relates to a budget request item that was included in the Governor's Executive Biennium Budget Request. The Department has made efforts to communicate the goals, objectives, and logistical considerations involved via the budget briefing, the briefing specifically for this effort, and via meetings as they could be scheduled. The following is a response to the concerns raised by this proviso:

The Common Core Digital Curriculum Initiative is a comprehensive strategy for ensuring that all students, regardless of where they live, have access to high quality, engaging curricular materials, delivered via digital device. As such, the Department is sequencing implementation, by complex, based on technology infrastructure readiness, electrical readiness, and approval from the relevant Complex Area Superintendent (full list below). This approach means that schools will receive devices when their infrastructure is ready to support the increased internet traffic and electrical load.

Complexes in Phase One  
(school year 2013-2014):

- Kau
- Keaau
- Mililani
- Moanalua
- Nanakuli
- Pahoa
- Pearl City
- Waianae
- Waipahu
- Leilehua
- McKinley
- Molokai
- Radford
- Waiakea
- Waiialua
- Waimea

Complexes Eligible for Phase  
Two (school year 2014-2015):

- Baldwin
- Campbell
- Kailua
- Kalaheo
- Kalani
- Kapaa
- Kapolei
- Kealakehe
- Konawaena
- Lanai
- Maui
- Roosevelt

Complexes Eligible for Phase  
Three (school year 2015-  
2016):

- Aiea
- Castle
- Farrington
- Hana
- Hilo
- Honokaa
- Kahuku
- Kaimuki
- Kaiser
- Kauai
- Kekaulike
- Kohala
- Lahainaluna

SECTION 20. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for instructional support (EDN 200) the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 shall be expended by the department of education for the development of a common core state standards assessment in the Hawaiian language; provided further that the department of education submit a report that includes:

- (1) A detailed listing of all uses of the appropriated funds, including a proposed plan for implementation after the assessment is completed;
- (2) Identification and justification for any future costs including but not limited to estimated costs for materials, implementation, and maintenance;
- (3) Any projected challenges and their effects on implementation, and the department of education's plans for score reporting;

and provided further that the department shall submit the report to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular session.

COMMENT:

This proviso relates to the \$2 million requested in the Executive Biennium Budget Request, \$1 million for each year.

Funding has only been provided for the first year.

Concerns have been expressed by the Hawaiian immersion community that the assessment should be based on Hawaiian standards, not the Common Core Standards for English Language Arts. This issue is part of an on-going discussion between the Department and the Hawaiian immersion community.

SECTION 107. Notwithstanding section 37-74(d)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 95 of this Act, and any other law to the contrary that authorizes the department of education to transfer funds under its control, no funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015 for school based budgeting (EDN 100) shall be transferred to any other program ID; and provided further that if any funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015 for school based budgeting (EDN 100) are transferred out of the program or expended for purposes not related to the program, no funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015 for state administration(EDN 300) shall be expended.

COMMENT:

While the Department appreciates and concurs with the concerns that have been expressed by the Legislature regarding the prior Administration's directives that program shortfalls be funded from within the existing budget ceiling, this legislating by budget proviso may have unintended consequences. The Department requests that this proviso not apply to Federal funds.

Due to projected funding requirements for the Student Transportation program exceeding the appropriated budget, for the current year supplemental allocations of federal funds appropriated in EDN100 were required to support the program. It is anticipated that for FY13-14 the Department will again need to apply approximately \$8 million of federal funds to maintain services. This proviso in conjunction with the appropriations as reflected in HB200 HD1 would force the Student Transportation program to scale back on transportation services to operate within its general fund appropriation.

SECTION 108. Provided that the director of finance shall ensure that non-facility per-pupil general fund amounts allocated for department of education and charter school students are equal on an annualized fiscal year basis; provided further that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015, the director of finance shall:

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- (3) Determine a per-pupil amount by dividing the sum of general fund appropriations determined under paragraph (1) by the sum of student enrollment determined under paragraph (2);
- (4) Transfer a general fund amount between the department of education and charter schools prior to November 1, 2013 and November 1, 2014 that will provide each with a per-pupil allocation equal to the amount determined on an annualized fiscal year basis under paragraph (3); and
- (5) Account for all calculations and transfers made pursuant to this section in a report to the legislature, governor, department, and charter schools within ten days of any transfer made pursuant to this section;

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COMMENT:

This proviso is not required as this is already a requirement in statute.

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SECTION 109. Provided that the department of education shall prepare a report on section 302A-1301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that includes the following:

- (1) Information and calculations for each fiscal year from fiscal year 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 on the amount and proportion of the department's operating budget that was expended for administrative costs and the amount and proportion of the department's operating budget that was expended by principals, by means of financing; and
- (2) The department's plan that will enable it to comply with the requirements of section 302A-1301(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015;

and provided further that the department submit the report to the legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions.

COMMENT:

The Department has already submitted a response to this reporting requirement for FY10, FY11, and FY12 that demonstrates the Department is in compliance with 302A-1301(b). The report shows that expenditures for Instruction & Related Services, Adult Education, and Afterschool Plus program, which are expended by principals, were in excess of the 70% requirement and therefore there is already compliance with 302A-1301(b). A copy of the report is posted on the Department's website: [http://doe.k12.hi.us/reports/tolegislature\\_2013/](http://doe.k12.hi.us/reports/tolegislature_2013/)

SECTION 110. Provided that the department of education shall prepare a report that shall include but not be limited to a detailed breakout of the all means of financing budget for the current and next fiscal year and actual expenditures for the last completed fiscal year for each school, a report of all other funds expended on behalf of each school, and a report detailing by school:

- (1) The enrollment projections used to submit the current budget request;
- (2) The actual October 15, 2013, and the actual October 15, 2014, enrollment count as reported by each school for the current school year;
- (3) The department of education's reviewed and verified October 15, 2013, and October 15, 2014, enrollment count; and
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and provided further that the department of education shall submit these reports to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions.

COMMENTS:

The Executive Budget is based upon the principals of program planning and budgeting, which in general means that the center of focus at the appropriation level is on programs/activities and not necessary locations (i.e., schools).

Appropriations made by the Legislature are at the EDN level. The Department of Budget and Finance budget documents are built around "sub-orgs" (i.e., EDN100/AA Weighted Student Formula). The Department allocates funds using Program IDs such as 42100 Weighted Student Formula.

The Department's budget that is prepared for the current and next fiscal year is prepared for programs/activities and not for specific locations (i.e., schools). The distribution to schools and offices of the portion of the appropriation that is either released to the Department for general funds or generated/awarded for special and federal funds relies on designated program managers. The allocation process typically begins in early June in advance of the start of the next fiscal year. Ideally the Budget Bill will have been signed and the Governor's Budget Execution Instructions will have been issued without the need to restrict the appropriation prior to the allocation process starting.



Given this budget structure and allocation process, a breakdown by school for the all means of finance budget will not be readily available for the current and next fiscal year, but is something the Department can attempt to work on.

As the existing accounting system does not attribute all expenses made by the Department to specific schools, a report of all expenditures made on behalf of each school would require attributing certain expenditures to schools based on percentages.

It should also be noted that the WSF schools are assessed average salaries and that SPED positions are allocated to complex areas by counts and not dollars. This is done to avoid staff decisions being made based on actual salary as that might create a disincentive for schools to hire or retain their more expensive staff with higher years of service.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM

By

MRC Greenwood, President

University of Hawai'i

### **House Bill No. 200, H.D.1    Relating to the State Budget**

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

Good Morning and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of our Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015 Budget Request. The University of Hawai'i System is appreciative of the ongoing general fund support from the Hawai'i State Legislature. These general funds, in addition to extramural grants and students' tuition revenues, allow the University System to fulfill our core missions of education, research, and public service. Our efforts to improve student success have resulted in a 20 percent increase in graduates since 2008, adding to the State's workforce capacity. Our research mission, in particular, is a critical component of the economic engine of our State. Based upon recent analysis from the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO), our State's economic recovery is moving in a more positive direction, and the March 15 Council on Revenues projection seems to underscore such recovery. We therefore respectfully request additional general and capital improvement funds so that we can continue to support the State's economic recovery.

We are distressed by the devastating amount of reductions to the general funds to the University's budget contained within the House Draft 1 (HD1). General fund support of public higher education has been declining over the past several biennia and endangers our ability to serve the State. In the face of decreasing general fund support, the University has already shifted more and more basic operating costs, such as faculty and staff salaries and utility expenses, from general funds to tuition. Placing the burden of additional operating expenses on tuition may prevent us from engaging in investments such as classroom upgrades and

repairs to address our deferred maintenance backlog. Thus, as a first step, we urgently request that the Senate restore the reduction of \$14,048,715 to our general fund base operating budget as reflected in H.B. 200, H.D.1.

With regard to the reduction of vacant position counts within the University System base operating budget, we believe that the deletion of 292 positions systemwide, is too much of a reduction. I have instructed the Chancellors to identify those temporary positions that reflect, in fact, permanent needs, and to reallocate resources to make those positions permanent. I have also directed the transfer of vacant general fund position counts between campuses where there is an urgent need; acknowledging that we must take action as a system in sharing resources, as appropriate. Some of these actions have already been taken. However, these are ongoing processes that are not yet completed. Should the Senate wish to reduce vacant position counts, we respectfully request that we work together on a targeted amount of vacant position counts for the entire University System, and then allow the University to identify the specific position counts to eliminate during the execution of our budget in Fiscal Biennium 2013-15.

Within our operating budget, we would like to highlight the following urgent needs for which we would appreciate your full consideration of additional general fund support:

- The House of Representatives approved \$1.0 million in additional general funds in each fiscal year to support full operations at our newly opened West O'ahu campus facilities and educational program expansion. A total increase of \$3.0 million in general funds in each fiscal year will support critical maintenance and safety concerns while addressing increased enrollments projected through FB2013-15.
- The House of Representatives approved \$2.0 million in additional general funds in each fiscal year to reward performance and support the community colleges to continue meeting the increased demand for instruction in the face of unprecedented increases in enrollment. We request that the Senate also support this positive adjustment.

Additional items within our FB2013-15 operating budget request, for which we request your consideration of general fund support, include:

- \$200,000 in FY2013-14 and \$400,000 in FY2014-15 for a statewide longitudinal student data system, built in partnership with the Department of Education and Department of Labor, to provide capacity across the education spectrum for tracking and improving student achievement from pre-school into the workforce statewide. Implementation of such a system was an assurance given to the federal government in return for ARRA funding.
- \$700,000 in both fiscal years for statewide institutionalization of the Na Pua Noeau program, which builds greater academic capacity for Hawai'i K-12 Native Hawaiian students and increases their readiness for college.
- \$780,000 in FY2013-14 and \$1.0 million in FY2014-15 to expand student access and support student success on all islands in distance learning courses and high-demand programs.
- \$1.0 million in both fiscal years to establish the Hawai'i Institute for Advanced Informatics and Cyberstructure (HIAIC), as a platform to drive research and development within the fields of informatics and cyberinfrastructure and myriad disciplines for which analytics, cybersecurity, visualization, and high performance computing are essential to Hawaii's future.
- \$1.5 million in both fiscal years for Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) programs that integrate intermediate and high school educational experiences with University-based STEM projects.

With respect to our University System capital improvement project (CIP) budget request, our goal is to leverage State general obligation bond (GOB) funds with our ability to use revenue bonds based on our tuition capacity. The House of Representatives provided an additional appropriation of \$63.275 million in FY13-14, and \$54.5 million in FY14-15, respectively, in GOB funds. However, \$57 million in GOB funds for Health, Safety, and Code Requirements was deleted. The University of Hawai'i is strongly opposed to the deletion of its highest priority to address identified health, safety, and code deficiencies. The original Board of Regents' CIP Budget included \$76.874 million for health and safety requirements, which was significantly reduced in the Governor's CIP Budget. The deletion of funding for essential health and safety improvements will greatly impair the University's ability to provide a safe, conducive learning environment for the many different constituents who use our campus facilities. In addition, the

House budget proposal includes \$76 million in GOB funds for a dedicated major repairs and replacement special fund. We support the financing of repairs and replacement; however, we strongly recommend that GOB funds be appropriated for our growing Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance (CRDM) project list, which is the highest CIP budget priority after Health, Safety, and Code Requirements. The original Board of Regents CIP budget included \$281.998 million for CRDM, which included \$122.154 million for Capital Renewal to keep deferred maintenance from increasing. Finally, a priority project within the Governor's CIP request, the Daniel K. Inouye Pharmacy School at our Hilo campus, was not funded. We are asking for an investment of \$39 million in GOB funds and authorization for \$5.0 million in revenue bonds for permanent facilities for our State's only Pharmacy School.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of our FB2013-15 budget request and to express our concerns about House Bill No. 200, H.D.1.



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Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 200, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

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

I am Keali'i S. Lopez, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") testifying in support of the Department's fiscal biennium 2013-2015 budget request.

While the Committee has already received the Department's budget requests and impact statements, I would like to highlight and provide greater detail regarding certain specific items of concern.

**1. CCA102/FA. Sequence No. 90-900.**

**Reduces special fund ceiling by \$2,000,000 (FY14) from INET funds to support and promote neighbor island broadband deployment.**

The Department supports the efforts of both public and private entities in Hawaii to make affordable, high-speed Internet access available to people and businesses that need it. The Department's efforts are part of a multi-pronged, multi-agency approach by the administration to build an infrastructure that is conducive to robust, world-class, statewide broadband usage. With the assistance of the Broadband Assistance Advisory

Council (“BAAC”) and ARRA grant planning funds, the Department completed its Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan, and has commenced with the planning of its two remaining grant projects, which include activities to increase deployment and adoption of broadband at both the State and local levels.

Consistent with these projects and statutory duties, the Cable Television Division (“CATV”) of the Department will in this calendar year identify and prioritize infrastructure and adoption activities, and plans, in cooperation with State and local entities, to begin work on specific projects by the third quarter of this year. The Department is requesting use of CATV funds designated for Broadband and Institutional Network purposes to work with the individual counties, on specific projects. Because these projects will be identified with the input of the individual mayors and county councils, and reviewed by BAAC, the unique circumstances present in, and priorities, of the respective counties, the project for each county is likely differ. The Department has a unique role in broadband adoption that is tied to its regulatory authority over INET under Chapter 440G. This work will be conducted in collaboration with the counties, OIMT and other State agencies as needed, OIMT in particular has the lead on the Governor’s Hawaii Broadband Initiatives (“HBI”), and these projects do not and will not duplicate OIMT’s efforts, but will be leveraged to support and complement OIMT’s plans.

This budget request targets support for neighbor island county broadband initiatives. The Department has met with all of the neighbor island counties to begin the discussion of each counties specific needs and priorities. The Department will pursue projects that address infrastructure deployment or broadband adoption in the counties.

The Department has allocated a base amount of \$500,000 for each county with the expectation that some counties will require amounts greater than \$500,000.

## **2. CCA 105/GA Sequence no. 91-001:**

**Reduces trust fund (T-909) ceiling by \$40,000 (FY14) for the production and airing of public service announcements that warn consumers about the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors.**

HCR 286, HD1 (2011) called for the creation of a task force to develop a cohesive and collaborative enforcement strategy by civil, criminal and administrative

enforcement agencies to address unlicensed contracting activity. Among other things, the task force recommended<sup>1</sup> enhanced public education to make clear that unlicensed contracting is not a “victimless crime” but is in fact criminal conduct. To this end, this budget request is for a ceiling increase in T-909 (Contractor Education Trust Fund) to fund a targeted (PSA) campaign that is intended to focus on the criminal aspects of unlicensed contracting activity. Select members of the Working Group/Task Force (namely, county prosecutors, a representative from the AG's office, and a representative from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs) would appear in the PSA to warn consumers about the dangers of hiring an unlicensed contractor and reiterate that unlicensed contracting is a crime.

The request for \$40,000 includes \$20,000 for PSA production costs and \$20,000 for airtime which equate to about 200 to 300 runs of the PSAs. These runs would be in addition to free run times that would be leveraged as well as distribution through other free mediums such as internet streaming and community access television.

### **3. CCA 105. Sequence No. 80-001:**

#### **Reduces special fund position count by two (2) in each FY for position conversion from temporary to permanent counts.**

The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division provides administrative support to over 48 different professions and vocation through attached boards, commissions and programs. The division has an excellent reputation in performing its responsibilities and in providing valuable services to the boards, to licensed professionals, and to the public in general. The division has taken a careful and measured approach in adding the staff necessary to oversee the growing number of professions within its jurisdiction, including the use of temporary as opposed to permanent positions where feasible. This request for conversion of two (2) temporary positions to permanent status is based on a determination that the work performed by these two positions is not likely to be reduced.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://hawaii.gov/dcca/reports/dcca\\_reports/Report-of-the-Unlicensed-Contractor-Law-Enforcement-Task-Force.pdf](http://hawaii.gov/dcca/reports/dcca_reports/Report-of-the-Unlicensed-Contractor-Law-Enforcement-Task-Force.pdf)



The positions perform as staff assistants by providing administrative service to the various regulatory boards, commissions, and programs. The positions maintain close liaisons with the members of boards, the division administrator, and the supervising executive officer. The positions advise and consult with assigned boards as to their needs; orients and acquaints new members with their responsibilities; and follows through on administrative details. Converting these positions to permanent status is needed if the programs are to be able to attract and retain qualified personnel needed to perform these critical administrative functions.

**4. CCA 110. Sequence No. 91-001:**

**Reduces special fund ceiling and position in each FY (FY14: \$51,229, 1 position; FY15: \$54,288, 1 position) for an Investigator position to provide support for the Landlord-Tenant Hotline.**

Office of Consumer Protection (“OCP”) is the primary state agency responsible for reviewing, investigating and prosecuting allegations of unfair or deceptive trade practices in consumer transactions. OCP also provides consumer education and fosters awareness of important consumer protection issues through its programs, media releases and educational materials, and responds to inquiries regarding the Residential Landlord Tenant Code through its Residential Landlord-Tenant hotline (“hotline”). The hotline operates each work day from 8:00 a.m. to noon and is staffed on a rotating basis by OCP field investigators.

OCP investigators handle an average of 1,800 new complaints and process an average of 7,000 hotline calls each year. The request would allow OCP to staff a dedicated hotline Investigator position and provide the existing investigative staff more time to work on their other duties.

Like the rest of DCCA, OCP is entirely special funded through the Compliance Resolution Fund.

**5. CCA191. Sequence No. 91-001.**

**Reduces special fund ceiling by \$100,000 in FY14 and \$50,000 in FY15 for departmental educational campaigns.**

The Department is authorized to develop a strong consumer education program. Haw. Rev. Stat. 26-9(g). While the majority of consumer outreach occurs at the division level, important consumer issues such as scams targeting seniors, deceptive mortgage practices, and financial literacy impact multiple divisions and are more effectively addressed collaboratively rather than on a division-by-division basis. The funds will be used for the production and distribution of content for the department's media campaigns. To expand outreach efforts, the department will be employing different outreach methods, such as the use of print, radio, television, internet and other media. The funds are targeted to be utilized for media production (print, radio, television, etc.), airtime and placement of print ads. As such, a larger amount will be needed for the first year for production costs and the development of content. Funding for the second year will be used for additional printing and distribution of content already generated for the media campaigns.

For example, the department would address a series of issues facing a target group such as seniors or businesses and would go across divisions. That would most likely be in the form of a printed booklet with distribution through the newspaper, magazines or mailers. Most of the cost would be incurred in the first year with production and initial distribution. Content already created can then be used to do multiple prints with handouts for related agencies and our education outreach events in subsequent years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the Department's budget requests. My staff and I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have.



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Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Written Testimony on HB200HD1 of Dwight Takamine, Director,  
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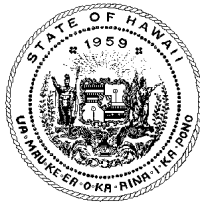
Overall, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is supportive of the HD1 as many of the DLIR's requests were approved. However, the DLIR remains gravely concerned about federal funding uncertainties especially considering that the Department is currently 87% federally funded.

Moreover, several of the vacancies abolished in the HD1 are either filled, legally required and/or critical to maintaining the current level of services. As you are aware, the 5% fiscal restriction the Department has been under has made it difficult to fill generally funded positions even when they are critical to services.

The DLIR intends to continue to keep the Committee informed about the federal funding issues pertinent to our programs as well as updates regarding the vacancies identified for abolishment in the HD1. The DLIR notes that several attached agencies currently confronting federal fiscal restrictions and uncertainties have provided detail in testimony provided for the Committee's consideration of the State Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.





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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 200, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1  
RELATING TO THE  
STATE BUDGET

by  
Ted Sakai, Director  
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Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 19, 2013; 9:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Room 211

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) greatly appreciates the House Committee on Finance's support of PSD's FB2013-15 Budget Requests, especially in funding our requests for increased utilities costs and non-recurring replacement of equipment, and providing for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), and for our housekeeping needs.

However, PSD must note its serious concern with the staffing reductions made in HB 200, HD 1 amounting to the loss of 137.00 permanent positions over the two years of FB2013-15 and the corresponding decrease of \$6,815,302 in FY 2014 and \$8,204,816 in FY 2015 for operating appropriations for the Department. The reduction in permanent positions includes a total of 121.00 vacancies in the following programs:

PSD Vacancy Reduction			
Program ID	FTE		FB2013-15
	(P)		\$\$
PSD 402- HCF	8.00	\$	318,384
PSD 404- WCF	1.00	\$	89,513
PSD 406- MCCC	17.00	\$	825,324
PSD 407- OCCC	12.00	\$	668,484
PSD 408- KCCC	4.00	\$	155,880

PSD 409- WCCC	9.00	\$	412,236
PSD 410- ISC	3.00	\$	136,620
PSD 420- CPS	9.00	\$	425,796
PSD 421- HC	34.00	\$	2,086,198
PSD 502- NED	1.00	\$	70,224
PSD 503- SD	5.00	\$	232,692
PSD 612- HPA	3.00	\$	126,696
PSD 900-ADMIN	15.00	\$	827,132
Total:	121.00	\$	6,375,179

The list includes 31.00 Adult Corrections Officer, 5.0 Deputy Sheriff, 8.0 Cook, 9.0 Social Worker, 3.0 Parole Officer and 8.0 Nurse Positions, which are critical to the effective operation of PSD's Corrections and Law Enforcement Divisions. PSD has been working to fill the positions through continuous recruitment until these essential staffing needs are met. The rest of the vacancies are support staffs who are vital to ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in delivering day-to-day services.

We also note that only 2.0 of PSD's 16.0 requested additional Deputy Sheriffs for the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit were funded. This represents a crucial setback to the collaborative efforts of the Sheriff Division and Judiciary to address the extreme shortage of law enforcement presence in courtrooms statewide. Moreover, our request for recurring vehicle replacement for FY 2015 for the Oahu and Hawaii Island Sections was not supported.

The Hawaii Paroling Authority's request for 2.0 Parole Officers for Kauai and Kona, respectively, was also deleted. These positions are important to address the increase in the parolee population resulting from the JRI. We are only requesting authorized positions since we have identified funding within the Non-State Facility program.

Lastly, HB 200, HD 1 funded only the first year of the office lease request for the Training and Staff Development Office.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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March 18, 2013

**TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

For Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

BY

BARBARA A. KRIEG  
DIRECTOR

**House Bill No. 200, H. D. 1  
Relating to the State Budget**

TO CHAIRPERSON DAVID Y. IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 200, H. D. 1 is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) supports the intent of this measure and appreciates the House recommendation to appropriate funds to cover increased workers' compensation expenses for State employees. However, we have the following concern as it relates to the reduction made to our budget request for six positions and funds for the Employee Staffing Division.

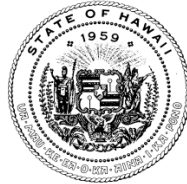
DHRD is the central personnel agency for the State Executive Branch. Among our core functions is to provide the most efficient support we possibly can to our sister agencies in the recruitment of a high performing workforce to deliver services to the public in a proficient manner. Our goal is to eliminate the backlog of recruitment requests and to have lists of eligible applicants at all times for those recruitments in

constant demand. We believe six positions are needed. Although we appreciate the House recommendation to add four positions, the reduction will prevent us from achieving our stated goals.

We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance short and long term priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.





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**H.B. 200, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of H.B. 200, H.D. 1 which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. While the majority of our requests were approved, the DOT would like to offer the following comments on the House Draft 1.

There are several critical requests needed to meet federal standards in this current draft that the House did not concur with, and others that are critical to meet our day to day operations (detailed in our response to the committee). As such, we are highlighting the following:

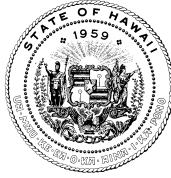
- Budget item such as the statewide birdstrike program in the Airports Division, a program that is made mandatory by the FAA, have seen increases in costs and as such, need additional funds from the Airports Special Fund.
- Also mandated in our programs are security services for the Harbors Division, (33 CFR 105.115, Maritime Security) which requires harbors to have a facility security plan that is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Positions for the Office of Special Compliance in General Administration as well as various maintenance programs as requested by the Harbors Division are needed to provide both oversight and preventive maintenance programs as required by the Clean Water Act.
- We also would like to request the reconsideration of the vehicle requests that were not concurred with in H.D. 1. Many of the vehicles being requested are between 13-20 years old. Vehicle replacements have been deferred over the years, but these requested vehicles are in constant need of repair and maintenance.

- Of concern as well is the non-concurrence of various trade-off transfer requests submitted by the Highways Division. We feel that instead of increasing our appropriation ceilings, the trade-off transfer option provides a more fiscally responsible alternative, to increase funds where necessary, without impacting the base budget appropriation.

The DOT would very much appreciate your reconsideration of these key identified areas when reviewing our detailed comments to H.B. 200, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
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**HB 200 HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

March 19, 2013

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

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruling on May 9, 2012, on Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Commission has a significant impact on our budget request for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Article XII, Section 1 of the State Constitution requires that the Legislature make sufficient sums available for development of homestead lots, homestead loans, rehabilitation projects and for DHHL administrative and operating expenses. The recent ruling affirms that the courts can determine what constitutes "sufficient sums" for the DHHL's administrative and operating expenses to carry out the purposes of the Hawaiian Homes Commissions Act, 1920, as amended.

In light of the ruling and upon reviewing our budget requirements for administrative and operating costs, DHHL developed and proposed a budget of \$43.03 million to "sufficiently" cover these costs. This budget includes \$25.7 million for administrative and operating costs and \$17.3 million for repair and maintenance expenses for existing communities.

While we await a final ruling on what constitutes "sufficient", the Executive Budget request for HHL 602 represents a minimum sum of \$14.68 million in general funds to cover our department's existing personnel (130 filled positions)p, administrative, and operating costs. This figure was derived from the FY 2012 actual administrative and operating costs expenditures and changes means of financing from special and trust funding in FY 2012 to general funding for FY 2014. In addition to the request for general funds, the Executive Budget request includes requests for \$7.67 million in special funds and \$23.32 million in federal funds that DHHL receives from the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

The House Draft 1 of this budget bill reduces the general fund request for our department and proposes non-recurring lump-sum appropriations of \$10 million for each of the next two years, FY 2014 and FY 2015. The House Committee on Finance did not agree with changing the means of financing relating to 130 filled permanent and exempt positions and 4 temporary positions from special/trust funding to general funding. Funding levels and position counts were kept at Act 106, SLH 2012 levels. All positions, other than federal funds, were kept as DHHL special or trust funds. The House Draft 1 is contrary to the Nelson ruling.

The department administers one (1) program, HHL 602, Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads. At the present time the Department must use its special and trust funds to finance all of its administrative and operating costs. Since FY 2010, no general fund

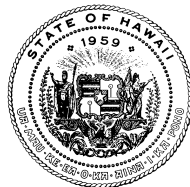
support has been provided by the State for the department's operations. What this means is that special and trust funds, which would otherwise be used for direct benefits to our beneficiaries such as loan monies for home building must be used to pay for DHHL's administrative and operating expenses.

At a minimum, we urge your committee's concurrence with the Governor's Executive Budget request for our program, HHL 602 - Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

**LATE**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**HB 200, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.**  
**Director of Health**

**March 19, 2013**  
**9:00 A.M.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) has concerns regarding aspects of HB 200,  
2 HD 1 of the Governor's Executive Budget for the Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015 which it feels will  
3 adversely impact the public health priorities of the DOH and the department's ability to provide  
4 effective and efficient services to residents and visitors.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Impacts the Department's budget for the Fiscal Biennium 13-15 and its ability to  
6 effectively carry-out its programmatic responsibilities.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** HB 200, relating to the State Budget, appropriated funding for operating  
8 and capital improvement costs for departments of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and  
9 2014-2015. The funding requests in HB 200 for the DOH addressed the impact of critical workforce  
10 reductions over the past years that have impacted the Department's ability to fully achieve its overall  
11 mission to monitor, protect and enhance the health of all people in Hawaii through assessment, policy  
12 development and promotion of personal health and well-being and the preservation of a clean, healthy  
13 and natural environment.

1 The planning and development of the DOH budget was done within parameters outlined by the  
2 Administration to accomplish program goals and objectives through critical, high priority items. Budget  
3 requests focused on addressing program deficits, advancing the Governor's New Day Initiatives and the  
4 Department's Five Foundations for Healthy Living. The majority of the DOH requests also reflected the  
5 movement of positions consistent with planned restructuring to improve program delivery. These  
6 movements/transfers align personnel and funding in appropriate organizational units to contribute to  
7 overall department operational effectiveness and efficiency. Many of the trade-off/transfer requests  
8 submitted by the department were not approved in HB 200, HD 1; yet, these requests were a direct effort  
9 to establish transparency and clarity within the department by aligning the department's budget with its  
10 approved organizational structure.

11 DOH's focus is also on rebuilding critical infrastructure within the Department. Program requests and  
12 prioritization were based on the Department's core public health functions, addressing the Governor's  
13 New Day Objectives and in promoting the Department's strategic planning initiatives. Many of the  
14 Department's critical budget requests were not recommended in HB 200, HD1, including funding to  
15 support early childhood initiatives that are high priority with the Administration: increased funding  
16 request for the Home Visitation Program (\$3.0M for each year of the FB 13-15) and Early Intervention  
17 Services (\$1.3M for each year of the FB 13-15). The DOH also requested \$2.7M for each year of the  
18 FB for State match funds for the Home and Community Based Waiver Services program for the  
19 Developmental Disabilities Division which was not approved. These requests reflect the department's  
20 efforts to continually look at delivering programs within the industry standard of best practices and the  
21 department is concerned that such requests to maintain those best practices are not supported.

22 The numerous vacancy reductions in this draft will adversely impact the Department's ability to rebuild  
23 its infrastructure and address the impact of critical workforce reductions over the past years that have  
24 impacted the Department's ability to fully achieve its overall mission to monitor, protect and enhance

1 the health of all people in Hawaii. Reduction in Force (RIF) actions, hiring freezes, organizational  
2 realignments and time required to obtain lists of eligible applicants has significantly impacted the  
3 Department's ability to fill vacant positions in a timely manner.

4 Another comment in HB 200, HD 1's committee report raised the issue of duplication of services  
5 between the department and the Department of Human Services (DHS). We wish to state that the  
6 Department of Health continues to address its defined responsibilities as reflected in State statutes,  
7 federal mandates and public health funding streams to fulfill its mission. We do not believe there is a  
8 duplication of services with DHS; there are, however, prevention services within the scope of public  
9 health which complement the mission of DHS. Similarly, we believe there are services within DHS  
10 which complement and support the mission of the Department of Health within their specific mandates.

11 The Department remains committed to its vision of "Healthy People. Healthy Communities. Healthy  
12 Islands," and will continue to advance Hawaii's health agenda through the leveraging of resources and  
13 capitalizing on health reform options. We look forward to working with you to establish the appropriate  
14 level of support necessary to accomplish this.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.





STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 200 HD1  
A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

March 18, 2013

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General, State Department of Defense.

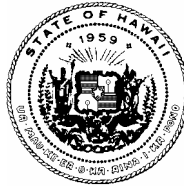
I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 200 HD1. This bill approves State general obligation bond funds (C) of \$21,286,000, which will bring in matching federal funds of \$37,433,000 (N) for a total of \$58,719,000, one project provides for the relocation of the Youth Challenge Academy facilities on the island of Hawaii. The bill also increases the funding the Hawaii National Guard's tuition waiver program. Additionally, the bill provides for the addition of five counselor positions to the Office of Veterans Service to better serve Hawaii's increasing number of veterans. Finally, the State Civil Defense received funding to continue the outdoor siren system upgrade.

Our department has serious concerns about the proposed reductions by using vacancy savings. They will add to the challenges the department will face in executing this administration's direction (The New Day Plan) by being counter productive in our efforts to re-establish service to the 2008 levels.

The proposed personnel cut of 21.50 positions across our department will impact our ability to sustain and grow our operations by limiting manpower services and the ability for the department to receive approximately \$1,052,690 in federal reimbursement. The cuts will impact the department's ability to leverage the federal funds that has been budgeted for minor construction projects for repair and maintenance of department facilities statewide. The effect will be that contract work will not issued to local contractors, further degrading our facilities.

Additionally, these cuts also eliminate positions at our Youth Challenge Kulani Campus, which will essentially will limit our recruitment and could endanger the continued existence of the Kulani Campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 200, HD1.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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March 19, 2013

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 200, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 19, 2013; 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has strong concerns regarding the state budget for FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015 as proposed in the H.D. 1 of H.B. 200 and offers the following comments:

I. Proposed Reductions of Staff Positions

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will be operationally crippled by the proposed reduction of the 140 positions identified in H.B. 200, H.D.1, as vacancy savings. The DHS already labors under the loss of 498 positions that were identified during the reduction in force and subsequently abolished by the Legislature during the Great Recession.

Further reductions will impact compliance with federal regulations, trigger federal fines and penalties, expose the State to lawsuits for its failure to adequately protect frail and vulnerable adults and child victims of abuse and neglect, imperil the Med-Quest Division in its drive to meet requirements under the Affordable Care Act, impact the DHS' ability to

address continuing audit findings, many of which are attributable to reduced staffing, and diminish services across the DHS impacting the public as well as contracted business providers.

These dangers are further amplified by DHS data which show that the benefits of Hawai'i's slow but steady economic growth have not yet reached our neediest and most vulnerable residents. In 2012, for example, the Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) saw a 2.8% increase in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Temporary Assistance to Other Needy Families (TAONF) programs, a 4.8% increase in General Assistance beneficiaries, and a 12% increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Similarly, in 2012, the Med-QUEST Division saw an enrollment increase of 5% in 2012, reflecting a total increase of 35% since 2008. The continued demand for DHS services coupled with yet another reduction in force will have a devastating impact on the morale of committed DHS staff and jeopardize the advances made over the past two years.

Efforts to reduce positions send the wrong message to businesses, beneficiaries and the DHS' public servants who are already overly strained. As Governor Abercrombie stated in his *New Day in Hawai'i – Recovery and Reinvestment Plan*, "it has become all too easy to say that government is too big and ineffective, and then dismantle it to the detriment of everyday citizens. The people of Hawai'i want to see solutions."

Aided by our ability to prudently fill vacant positions in the past two years, despite a reduction of over \$100M in its State funded budget, the DHS has increased SNAP benefit timeliness from 60% to its current processing rate of 96%. We overcame a backlog of 5,000 plus outstanding and untimely Med-QUEST application determinations, reduced from 13 weeks to 5 to 6 weeks the processing timeline for payments to providers, eliminated the

waiting list for Vocational Rehabilitation services for Category 1 clients – the Most Severely Disabled, and doubled the compliance rate for monthly face-to-face contacts with children in foster care. Without adequate staff, however, these achievements and other improvements will be jeopardized to the detriment of Hawai'i's residents.

## II. Proposed Program Reductions

The Med-QUEST Division is severely impacted by H.B. 200, H.D. 1, which proposes to delete funding for an estimated 48,000 newly eligible individuals who will begin receiving Medicaid benefits as early as January 1, 2014 under the terms of the Affordable Care Act. Capitation and enrollment increases for the QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access programs were also removed for FY 2015 and funded at the same level as FY 2014. If funding in these three areas is not restored, the DHS will inevitably be required to seek emergency appropriations from the Hawai'i Legislature in 2014 and 2015. The DHS acknowledges, however, the concerns contained in the Standing Committee Report No. 928 for H.B 200., H.D, 1, and we look forward to continuing discussions with our Legislative partners regarding Medicaid costs.

The DHS recently submitted to the Senate Ways and Means Committee its prioritized budget ranking for H.B. 200, H.D. 1, impact statements, and vacant positions priority lists. The DHS' budget priorities for BESSD include: positions and funding for the Homeless Program, including the Housing First initiative, legal advocacy services for SSI applicants, SNAP outreach, and funds for closed case records management. Budget priorities for the Social Services Division include: the Voluntary Foster Care to 21 program, the replacement of unsafe and too costly to repair vehicles that transport staff and clients in the course of business, and additional staff positions including an investigator and nurses for Adult Protection Services. Priorities for the Office of Youth Services include: four youth

parole officers for the Neighbor Islands, intake and assessment service centers, and additional support staff. Budget priorities for the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority include: positions for fiscal management, assets management, and the Contract and Procurement Branch. Additional priorities for the Med-QUEST Division include: full funding for its administrative expenses, funds to maintain and operate the Integrated Eligibility System, and funding to support new comprehensive case management services for beneficiaries with serious mental illness. Finally, priorities for the DHS administrative offices include: translation of vital documents for limited English proficient beneficiaries, program expenses for the Governor's Homeless Coordinator, and additional positions for the Personnel and fiscal management offices.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony of H.B. 200, H.D. 1. The DHS looks forward to working with the Ways and Means Committee and its staff on these requests.

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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 200, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 200, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budgets of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is opposed to the following adjustments made in this measure as it specifically pertains to the Department.

The House reduced 35.50 positions and over \$2 million in general funds from various divisions for vacancy savings. Seven of these positions have been filled and selections have been made and offers accepted for eight additional positions. The remaining positions are in various stages of recruitment. Reduction of these positions and funds will have a devastating impact on the Department's operations and its ability to protect and sustain the State's natural and cultural resources, considering 12 of the vacant positions are in the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. The State Historic Preservation Division will not be able to rebuild the History and Cultural Branch as required by the State Plan if the Cultural Historian position is eliminated. The Department is actively and cautiously proceeding in filling all the vacant positions and respectfully requests your consideration in reinstating all the positions and general funds reduced in this measure.

The House did not approve \$1 million in general funds for each fiscal year to partially restore funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council's (HISC's) state programs and projects. Funding for the HISC program is critical for protecting agriculture and forested watersheds against destructive species and to avoid statewide loss of capacity and expertise in invasive species control and to fulfill a pledge in The Governor's "A New Day in Hawai'i" plan to improve coordination of invasive species prevention, management, and response. Prior to the

recession, HISC received \$2 million in general funds (and \$2 million in special funds) annually to control invasive species threats, and create “green jobs” in rural communities. Without adequate invasive species prevention funding, we are at risk of the establishment of new pests that will have large costs to control in the future and potentially destructive impacts on agriculture, tourism and the economy. Specific projects relying on these funds include the detection and eradication of axis deer on Hawai‘i Island, prevention of the spread of fire ants across the state, prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake, statewide control of Miconia in watersheds, removal of coqui frogs from Oahu, Kauai, and Maui, and control of coqui frogs on Hawai‘i Island.

The House did not appropriate \$482,000 in general funds to eliminate the negative payroll adjustment for the Division of State Parks in each fiscal year. Due to legislative cuts over the years, there are not enough general funds to fill all the authorized and budgeted positions.

The Department requested 11 positions and \$8.5 million for the Administration’s Statewide Watershed Initiative – *The Rain Follows the Forest* - to protect and restore the watersheds and secure Hawaii’s water supply. The House is currently taking this request under advisement. The Department requires \$11,000,000 per year to reach the target “New Day” goal of doubling the amount of watershed protection in a decade to preserve Hawai‘i’s water supplies. Because of the high priority nature of this initiative, the Department is seeking alternative sources of dedicated revenues which would increase special fund revenue to support this initiative through the Administration’s Senate Bill 1166 (RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX). \$8.5 million of special funding allocation is requested to be expended this additional revenue if Senate Bill 1166 is enacted. In 2012, the \$2.5 million special fund allocation, combined with a \$2.5 million General Obligation Bond Fund appropriation has already resulted in significant accomplishments, due to the watershed programs being well-established and ready to implement large shovel-ready projects. The request also includes 11 new temporary positions, 10 of which are existing contract positions conducting current Watershed Initiative actions. The positions will assist in the administration and implementation of the expanded program.

The House did not approve an Assistant Administrator position for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). The DOFAW Administrator carries a very large workload of policy, personnel management, and program operations oversight. The DOFAW Administrator position is responsible for over one million acres of state lands, oversees an annual budget of \$35 million with over 200 civil service positions, and oversees 11 major program areas, including administratively support of seven statutory advisory committees/commissions. The DOFAW Administrator position is overstretched with daily administrative duties and lacks time to focus on policy development, community relations, and program development and oversight.

The House did not approve the request to establish five new temporary positions critical for DOFAW’s Forest and Outdoor Recreation programs, statewide. These positions replace contract services being used in the hunting and outdoor recreation programs and which are currently being supported with federal grant funds. New state positions will increase management capacity for programs, increase emergency response capabilities and improve ability to attract and retain trained, skilled workers needed for natural resource management. The House did not approve the conversion of 14 positions in DOFAW from temporary to permanent. These positions are mostly filled with incumbents who have served the state since the positions were

created and filled in 2006. These positions should be made permanent in order to retain adequate staffing to ensure continued conservation actions in natural areas, watersheds, and for the protection of threatened and endangered species.

The House did not also approve a special funded Office Assistant III position for the Administrative Services Office (ASO). The ASO oversees, directs, plans, and coordinates the various activities of the Department. Due to increasing workload and responsibilities, it is critical to have an Office Assistant III position. Currently all the work is handled by the only Secretary position supporting ASO and partially Information Technology Office's operations.

The Department's request for \$300,000 in special funds for motor vehicles was not approved. The vehicles are in need of replacement due to constant need of repair from multiple mechanical issues. The disrepair of the current vehicles poses a safety hazard and prevents staff to reach targeted isolated areas.

### **Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget**

The House did not approve the following CIP requests:

- \$8 million in General Obligation Bond (GOB) funds for Kulani (Hawaii) energy retrofit and road repair, well development was not approved. The Department proposes to reduce the request to \$1.5 million for critical improvements to infrastructure over the 6900 acre Kulani parcel. This includes roads, trails, and infrastructure needs for the management of broader public use and critically endangered species, such as the Kauai Nene (under Governor's emergency proclamation), and the reintroduction of Alala. Holding facilities and aviaries, along with management shelters are required.
- \$2 million in GOB funds for the Waikiki (Oahu) War Memorial. The State will not be able to effectively coordinate with the City and County of Honolulu (CCH) in determining the appropriate direction of improvements for the Memorial. The facility is owned by the State but managed by CCH.
- \$2 million in GOB funds for Marine Debris Mitigation, Statewide, in FY 2015. The Department may not be able to remove marine debris from sensitive nearshore and coastal areas. The debris may pose a danger to navigation and/or coral reefs.
- Reduced funding for Ala Wai (Oahu) Small Boat Harbor 500 Row, and Port Allen (Kauai) Small Boat Boat Harbor Pier A replacement. These reductions in funding may require a reduction in the number of boat slips provided by the projects.
- \$11 million in GOB funds for Sand Island (Oahu) Ocean Recreation Park. This portion of Sand Island will not be accessible to the general public and will continue to be underutilized.

In closing, the Department respectfully asks for the restoration of the items listed above. Thank you very much for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**PRESENTATION OF THE  
CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 200, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE  
BUDGET.**

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

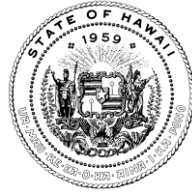
My name is Verna Oda, Executive Officer of the Contractors License Board ("Board"). Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 200, H.D. 1, relating to CCA105 Sequence No. 91-001 (worksheet at page 168).

The Board supports an amendment to restore the original ceiling increase requested for the Board's Contractor Education Trust Fund (T-909) to implement a consumer awareness program to be developed by the Unlicensed Contractor Law Enforcement Task Force ("Task Force"), which was established by request of the Hawaii State Legislature in 2011. The Task Force, comprised of representatives from the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (DCCA), the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Taxation, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Prosecuting Attorney of each county, worked diligently to strategize ways to address and combat the chronic and insidious problem of unlicensed contracting activity.

The Task Force found that consumer education is a key factor in deterring unlicensed activity, and proposed a program of education and outreach that included

producing a public service announcement warning consumers of the risks of hiring an unlicensed contractor. Therefore, the Board, at its November 16, 2012 meeting, unanimously approved the Task Force's request to fund the cost to produce the public service announcement and provide staffing at consumer fairs. The Board strongly believes that unlicensed contracting is an important issue, as it affects public safety, contributes to an underground economy, skirts labor laws, and creates unfair competition for legitimately licensed contractors.

For these reasons, the Board requests that the ceiling increase of \$40,000 for T-909 be restored to provide the funds to implement the consumer education campaign recommended by the Task Force. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 200, H.D. 1.



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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2013**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013  
9:00 A.M.**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 200 H.D.1  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

**TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill No. 200 H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget. My name is Daria Loy-Goto. I am RICO's Complaints and Enforcement Officer. RICO offers the following comments in support of the bill, subject to a proposed amendment relating to CCA105 Sequence No. 91-001 (worksheet at page 168).

House Bill No. 200 H.D.1 appropriates funds for operating and capital improvement costs for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015. The original version of the bill included a Department request for a ceiling increase for the Contractor Education Trust Fund (T-909) ("CTEF"). The purpose of the ceiling increase was to fund the production and airing of a public service announcement ("PSA") aimed at alerting consumers of the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors. House Bill No. 200 H.D.1 no longer contains a ceiling increase in the CTEF.

RICO respectfully requests that this Committee restore the ceiling increase in this bill to fund the PSA so that consumers will be adequately warned against hiring unlicensed contractors. The Legislature has long been concerned about the issue of unlicensed contracting and in 2011, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 286 H.D.1, created the Unlicensed Contractor Law Enforcement Task Force ("Task Force"). RICO was a member of the Task Force, along with representatives from the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney from each county. The Task Force found that consumer education was a critical factor in deterring unlicensed contracting and recommended a joint PSA from RICO and law enforcement agencies warning of the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors.

An increase in the CTEF ceiling would allow RICO and law enforcement agencies to implement this modest consumer education campaign. In addition to making the information available using social media, such as YouTube and Facebook, RICO would also incorporate the piece when making presentations to

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community groups. We believe the impact of a message featuring RICO and other law enforcement agencies would be significant.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill No. 200 H.D.1.



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To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
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Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Serafin Colmenares Jr.  
Executive Director, Office of Language Access

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 200 HD,1 Administration Budget – Office of Community Services – LBR903

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The Office of Language Access (“OLA”) appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200 and requests that the Senate Ways and Means Committee restore the entire sum of \$1,750,000 that the Office of Community Services has requested for new programs that concentrate on immigrant services. The House Finance Committee deleted this funding in HD1 of HB200.

The Office of Language Access (OLA) provides centralized oversight, coordination, and technical assistance to State agencies (the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Hawai‘i’s state government) and organizations that receive state funding, regarding the implementation requirements of Hawai‘i’s Language Access Law.

The goal of the OLA is to ensure that no person is denied access to State or State-funded services due to their limited ability to speak, read, write or understand the English language.

Our work with Hawai‘i’s LEP population complements the work of OCS, which largely focuses on immigrant matters, including language access. OCS has been very supportive of our work, and vice-versa.

Compliance with Hawai‘i’s language access laws on behalf of state and state-funded agencies is still lacking. Thus, the services that OCS provides are particularly critical to our immigrant population who have trouble accessing the government and government-funded services they are entitled to by virtue of their limited proficiency in English.

The LEP population therefore has insufficient access to information on how to “navigate the system” of public and non-profit services and resources that will assist them in becoming more economically self-sufficient and to contribute more to the communities where they live and to our Hawaii society as a whole.

Our immigrant communities continue to have adaptation issues such as lack of familiarity with cultural, social, and legal expectations in Hawai`i.

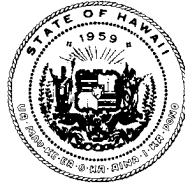
These services OCS would provide will help reduce the time that newcomers need in order to become productive and contributing members of our communities.

The Community Resource Centers will have acculturation training for immigrants to help them learn their rights and civic responsibilities as members of the larger Hawaii community – including their language access rights. This is important to them as parents of children in public education, as tenants in public and private housing, as consumers of health care services, as employees in the private sector, as owners and drivers of vehicles, avoiding criminal violations especially in domestic violence situations, and overall how to be a supportive member of a person’s residential and social communities.

These services were developed by OCS after many meetings with people in low-income and other disadvantaged communities throughout the State, and after careful and detailed analysis of what types of services would be most effective and efficient.

We therefore request that you please restore the administration’s budget line for LBR903 of \$1,750,000 for new services for the Office of Community Services that focus on the needs of immigrants and other financially disadvantaged communities. These services are important ways to reduce hardships that newcomers to Hawaii suffer because of lack of background information and language and cultural barriers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Karen Seddon**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

March 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of  
**H.B. 200, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

HHFDC supports H.B. 200, H.D. 1, which includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests to address the shortage of affordable housing statewide. HHFDC's original CIP requests are summarized below:

<u>Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide</u>	FY2014	\$10,000,000 (C)
(BED 160; CIP Item No. 29.00)	FY2015	\$10,000,000 (C)

The Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) is used primarily to make interim loans to private nonprofit and for-profit developers to construct affordable housing statewide. The requested infusion will help to address the estimated need for approximately 24,000 affordable housing units from 2012 to 2016. The infusion will also act as an ongoing economic stimulus, because interim loan repayments revolve back into DURF and are available for interim loans for future affordable housing projects. The H.D. 1 reduced the amount of the proposed infusion to \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year. HHFDC will be able to continue its efforts to address the affordable housing shortage at this level of funding.

<u>Waiahole Water System Improvements</u>	FY2014	\$7,800,000 (C)
(BED 160; CIP Item No. 30.00)		

HHFDC's CIP request is to make immediate repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which services residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants. *Please note that this request is separate and distinct from the Department of Agriculture's CIP request (AGR141; CIP Item No. 12.00), which has the same title.*



The H.D. 1 phased this request over two fiscal years - \$1,300,000 in FY 2014 and \$6,500,000 in FY 2015. This proposed phasing of funding will not harm the water system improvements project, and is acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration of these important CIP requests.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 200, HD1  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

BY

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY  
Bert Y. Matsuoka, Chairman

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 19, 2013; 9:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

The HPA has very serious concerns with the staffing reductions as they relate to the HPA made in HB 200, HD 1, which amounts to the loss of 3.0 permanent positions over the two years of FB2013-15 and the corresponding decrease of \$126,696 in FY 2014 and FY 2015 to program ID PSD 612 (HPA - Supervision and Counseling). The reduction in the 3.0 permanent Parole Officer positions severely reduces the HPA's ability to manage the current parole population and the projected increase over the next few years resulting from ACT 139 Hawaii Session of Laws 2012.

In addition, the HPA will lose 2.0 Parole Officer positions for Kauai and West Hawaii (Kohala to South Point), which was included as part of the Governor's message. As there is just one Parole Officer in Kona and one for the entire Island of Kauai, these positions are critically important to address the supervision, redirection, counseling, and rehabilitative needs of the current and projected growth

in the parole population for these two areas, which have wide geographic areas of responsibilities, the majority of which are located in rural communities. Without the 2.0 additional Parole Officer positions, the HPA will be unable to effectively implement the provisions required of ACT 139 as it relates to the reduction in the incarcerated population without jeopardizing public safety.

- Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
C O R P O R A T I O N

*"Touching Lives Everyday"*

**Senate Committee on Ways & Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

March 19, 2013  
Conference Room 211  
9:00 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting House Bill 200 H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget  
Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the  
Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-1015.**

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 200, H.D.1 that relates to the State Budget.

**Economic Challenges**

Hawaii hospitals face an ever-changing and extremely challenging health care environment today with challenges such as:

- Inadequate government and third-party payor reimbursements for quality healthcare services.
- Long-term care waitlist.
- Escalating costs related to physician and clinical staff recruitment and retention.
- The need for capital investment in new technology, particularly in electronic medical records.
- The impact of the provisions of federal health care reform.
- The impact of other federal health care mandates, such as ICD-10.
- Increased costs of caring for Hawaii's elderly population.

Additional major issues impacting HHSC's financial viability include:

- Aging facilities, with extensive life and safety code issues, well beyond the average for similar facilities across the country.
- Exceptional leave benefits and other labor issues that place HHSC's labor costs above national norms.
- Inability to outsource non-clinical functions.
- Under-capitalization of the Corporation.
- Small scale operations, which are costly to maintain.

### **Financial Concerns**

The past year has been very challenging year for HHSC (and all other healthcare systems in Hawaii) financially. More specifically:

- HHSC was assessed a \$10 million restriction to its general fund appropriation in fiscal year 2012 for labor savings and another \$3.7 million restriction in fiscal year 2013 by the Administration. After careful examination of its budget, HHSC was able to make budget adjustments to absorb the general fund reduction, but not without having to increase its accounts payable balances and reduce its cash balances.
- For UPW unit 10 (CNA's, LPN's, etc.), an arbitration panel awarded that unit a 3.2% pay increase effective January 2013, which is expected to cost HHSC an additional \$861,000 in fiscal year 2013. The State still has not settled a collective bargaining contract for HGEA unit 9 (registered nurses), but a final arbitration decision is expected sometime in March 2013. For HHSC, employees in these two units represent approximately 50% of HHSC's total employees. As a result, HHSC will not be able to recognize any labor savings from at least half of its employees.
- HHSC has experienced difficulty in managing its cash flow due to inconsistent payments for patient services from the administrators of the QUEST Expanded Access Plans (Evercare and Ohana). The timeliness of these payments are especially critical for HHSC's critical access hospitals and long-term care facilities, as payments from the QUEST Expanded Access Plans can account for as much as 90% of their patient cash collections. HHSC management is working with the staff and management of Evercare and Ohana weekly to resolve the issues, and similar issues are faced by all healthcare providers in the State of Hawaii.

### **Federal Funds**

HHSC will stand to lose federal funds in the form of reduced Medicare payments as a result of the Federal Budget Control Act sequester. Once sequestration occurred, there was an immediate 2% cut in Medicare payments, which will result in an estimated negative impact of \$3.1 million annually to HHSC's revenues. An increase in HHSC's general fund appropriation would be necessary to absorb the impact of these sequestration reductions.

Further, in the recent legislation to avoid the “fiscal cliff,” there is a provision that removes a 26.5% reimbursement reduction to physicians and shifts the burden of those cost savings to hospitals. It is anticipated that all U.S. hospitals will bear the majority of the cost via a \$10.5 billion documentation and coding adjustment that seeks to recoup past overpayments by Medicare to hospitals resulting from the shift to Medicare severity diagnosis-related groups (MS-DRGs) and a \$4.2 billion rebasing of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments. For HHSC, management estimates that the “fiscal cliff” legislation will result in a \$2.6 million reduction in Medicare reimbursements starting on October 1, 2013.

## **HHSC REQUEST**

HHSC respectfully requests that the Legislature consider funding two important areas that were not in the Administration’s budget request. The first is to appropriate additional general funds to HTH 212 to make up for the Medicare funding shortfalls from the sequestration and “fiscal cliff” legislation as detailed above. The amount of the additional appropriation for both fiscal year 2014 and 2015 would be approximately \$5.7 million. Without additional appropriation, HHSC’s accounts payable to vendors and cash position to vendors will worsen. HHSC’s current levels of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable are already below healthcare industry standards, and any further degradation of HHSC’s financial position could hamper HHSC’s ability to receive the necessary goods and services to provide patient care in a timely manner.

Kahuku Medical Center management also respectfully requests that the Legislature consider funding its request for an additional \$900,000 in annual general fund appropriations for both fiscal years 2014 and 2015 to sustain the critical healthcare services that Kahuku Medical Center provides to the residents of the North Shore of the island of Oahu.

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Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1  
Relating to the State Budget

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The Office of Information Practices (OIP) is testifying to request that this Committee restore its full requested budget and provide additional funds. OIP is concerned that the amount appropriated in H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1, will not allow OIP to fully meet its payroll for its existing 7.5 FTE positions.

OIP made the following request in its supplemental budget request for FB2013-15:

Increase of position from .50 FTE to 1.0 FTE and provide funding	\$29,000
Restore Vacancy Savings	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$54,000

In HB 200, HD1, the House Committee on Finance (FIN) removed OIP's request for supplemental funding of \$25,000 to restore prior vacancy savings for current personal services for existing authorized positions.

While OIP appreciates FIN's concurrence with our request for an appropriation of \$29,000 to increase a .50 FTE position to 1.0 FTE for a long-time

and knowledgeable staff attorney, OIP is disappointed that FIN did not agree to its request for \$25,000 to partially restore the \$39,000 in phantom “vacancy savings” that had been cut in FY 2011. These “vacancy savings” resulted from the delayed hiring necessitated by an extraordinary vacation/sick leave payout of over \$35,000 to a former employee who left state employment the prior year. Because OIP is now fully staffed and has no vacancies, OIP requested partial restoration in the amount of a \$25,000 supplemental appropriation that will enable it to meet payroll requirements for its existing 7.5 FTE positions.

OIP is a small and lean office which efficiently provides uniform and impartial advice, training, assistance, and informal dispute resolution to the public and to thousands of state and county governmental agencies, including boards and commissions, regarding the Hawaii’s open records law (UIPA, HRS Chapter 92F) and the Sunshine Law (Part I of HRS Chapter 92). OIP’s existing staff is already fully engaged in reducing the office’s backlog and resolving the more than 1,000 requests for assistance that it receives annually. The requests for assistance increased by more than 30% last year and are expected to continue to increase this year due to OIP’s expanded training and proactive efforts to help agencies, and their attorney advisors, comply with the law.

OIP has been providing increased assistance to the Office of Information Management Technology (OIMT) with the launch of [data.hawaii.gov](http://data.hawaii.gov), adoption of a social media policy, and other aspects of the State’s IT transformation plan. While OIMT is well versed in the technical aspects of the IT transformation, it relies upon OIP to provide advice and assistance regarding the UIPA and Sunshine Law impacts and the role of the Records Report System in implementing transformative change. OIP also has promoted and assisted OIMT’s initial launch of the State’s centralized website by placing the new UIPA Records Request Master Log on

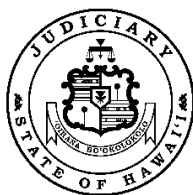


data.hawaii.gov. OIP expects that with each launch of new programs under OIMT's ambitious IT transformation plan, OIP will receive new requests for assistance from the public as well as agencies themselves as to whether certain data may be disclosed to the public online or must be kept confidential to protect personal privacy interests and whether the UIPA or Sunshine Law are implicated by the changes. Even the House recognized OIP's importance in implementing OIMT's Open Data initiative by recently passing HB 632, HD2, which provides a blank appropriation to OIP. OIP estimates that it will need \$65,000 for an additional staff attorney position and computer and office equipment and licensing to assist in OIMT's Open Data efforts, which will take place with or without HB 632.

Rather than cutting its already minimal resources, OIP respectfully urges the Senate WAM to provide additional resources in order to maintain and increase OIP's level of service to all government agencies and the general public. Therefore, OIP requests the Senate WAM to concur in OIP's original requests **(1) for \$29,000** to increase a staff attorney position from .50 to 1.0 FTE, which was agreed to by the House FIN; and **(2) for \$25,000** to restore phantom vacancy savings that are needed to meet payroll for existing authorized positions, which had been cut by FIN.

**Additionally**, OIP requests that the Senate WAM consider placing directly into OIP's budget (rather than through HB 632) **\$65,000** to fund a new staff attorney position to assist in the Open Data initiative and other IT transformation plans that OIMT is proposing for the next decade.

Thank you for considering OIP's requests.



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

### **Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

by  
James P. Crowe  
Special Assistant for Judiciary Security & Emergency Management

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 200, H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget.

**Purpose:** Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. (HD1)

### **Judiciary's Position:**

Although the Judiciary does not take a position on the overall Executive Budget, we would like to express our strong support for restoration of 14 additional positions and funding for the Department of Public Safety's (PSD) initial request for 16 additional deputy sheriff positions for court security. The PSD request was reduced from 16 deputy sheriff positions to two (2) deputy sheriff positions in House Bill 200, H.D. 1. The total funding requested was:

FY 2014: 16.0 positions, \$514,426 general funds  
FY 2015: 16.0 positions, \$845,299 general funds

The Judiciary is committed to making its facilities accessible and efficient to court users and the general public; however, the ability to maintain statewide building security and workplace safety is of great concern to the Judiciary. The approval of these 16 new sheriff positions is a critical start to increasing sheriff deputy staffing statewide at our Courthouse facilities and will significantly help to address current vulnerabilities and enhance safety for all Judiciary staff and the general public who visit our court facilities.

A significant safety and security need at each Court building has been identified to be the magnetometer and/or public access points. The best practice safety and security measure, also endorsed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), requires that at least one uniformed deputy sheriff must be assigned to each magnetometer and/or each main public ingress/egress



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location within each Court building. This recommendation is critical as the first line of response to deter and/or stop persons who attempt to bring weapons, explosives, etc., into the Court buildings. As such, to mitigate these threats and/or any event involving a disruptive person, an immediate response by law enforcement personnel is necessary. The positions, if approved by the Legislature, will provide this essential coverage for most of the Judiciary's courthouses throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Executive Director  
Office of Community Services (OCS)

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT, WITH AMENDMENT**

### **Testimony for H.B. 200 H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget**

#### **I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

The measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The Office of Community (OCS) supports this measure, though **asks WAM to restore the \$1,750,000 for OCS's programs for immigrants and other financially disadvantaged communities** eliminated in H.B. 200 H.D.1.

#### **II. COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL**

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is an advocate for the disadvantaged in Hawaii, and recognizes the economic and social benefits of investing in people, supporting their aspirations to become economically self-reliant, and strengthening their capacity to access and navigate available resources and services.

Hawaii receives immigrants at an average of 5,000 every year, with 25% not speaking or understanding English well enough to function in Hawaii's communities. These individuals and families will either become productive additions to our work force and communities, or a burden on us all. The \$1,750,000 in OCS funding cut in HB200 HD1 represents an investment in human capital - our most valuable resource - and, as such, will result in economic and social benefits to our State.

OCS spent a year planning updated services for our new immigrants through a statewide needs assessment comprised of community meetings, small group meetings and research, and involving a number of public and private interests. From this, a highly integrated system of services to address stated needs for maximum positive impact was designed. These services will be provided by existing non-profits via purchase of service contracts with OCS and include:

**Community Resource Centers** - Serving as an entry point to health and human services, immigrants can access acculturation classes, employment and training programs, citizenship training and legal, financial literacy and asset development assistance and “navigating the system” of available public and private services.

**Legal Services for Immigrants** - Including education/assistance with guardianship and actions to assist children and the elderly, access to public housing, student placement, welfare and discipline, barriers to driver’s license examinations, employment rights, domestic violence and child custody; consumer protection matters such as debt collection, and securing benefits under the Social Security System, workers’ compensation and other sources of benefits.

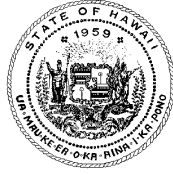
**Financial Literacy** - Educating individuals to maximize resources and save while understanding complex financial matters unfamiliar to them including the obligation to pay taxes, building credit scores, consumer lending, predatory lending and identity theft.

**I urge you to fully restore the OCS request for \$1,750,000 in H.B. 200 H.D. 1 and thank you for your consideration.**

2012 Statewide Community Needs Assessment participants

Agape Housing  
Aloha Health Connection  
Ating Bahay  
Catholic Charities of Hawai`i  
Child and Family Service  
Chuukese Community on Hawai`i Island  
County of Hawai`i Immigration Office  
County of Hawai`i Office of Housing and Community Development  
County of Hawai`i Prosecutor`s Office  
County of Maui Immigrant Services  
Department of Health – Affirmative Action Office  
Department of Health – Bilingual Health Service  
Department of Health – Chronic Disease Management and Control Branch  
Department of Health – Maternal and Child Health Branch  
Department of Health – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children  
Department of Human Services – Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division  
Department of Human Services – Med-QUEST  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations – Office of Language Access  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Domestic Violence Action Center  
EAH Housing  
Faith Action for Community Equity  
Goodwill Industries of Hawai`i  
Hale Opio, In-Community Programs for Children, Youth and Families  
Hawai`i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
Hawai`i Community Correctional Center  
Hawai`i Community Correctional Center  
Hawai`i County Economic Opportunity Council  
Hawai`i Disability Rights Center  
Hawai`i Immigrant Justice Center at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i  
Hawai`i State Civil Defense  
Hawai`i State Civil Defense  
Hawai`i State Coalition Against Human Trafficking  
Hawai`i State House of Representatives  
Helping Hands Hawai`i  
Hepatitis Support Network of Hawai`i  
Hispanic Community  
Honolulu Community Action Program  
Hui for Excellence in Education “He’e” Coalition  
Kahale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center  
Kauai Economic Opportunity  
Kokua Kalihi Valley  
Marshallese Community – Maui and Kauai

Maui Economic Opportunity  
Maui International Language School  
Maui Job Corps Center  
Micronesians United  
Micronesians United Big Island  
Oahu Filipino Community Council  
Office of the Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General - Missing Child Center  
Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery  
Pacific Gateway Center  
Palama Settlement  
Parents and Children Together  
Philippine Nurses Association of Hawai`i  
Pohnpeian Community  
Susannah Wesley Community Center  
Teach For America  
The Salvation Army  
United Filipino Council of Hawai`i  
University of Hawai`i at Hilo  
University of Hawai`i Medical and Legal Partnership  
Volunteer Legal Services Hawai`i  
Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters – Kauai  
Weed & Seed Program



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING  
HONOLULU

TERRY LOCK  
DIRECTOR

Testimony Relating to  
**H.B. 200 H.D. 1**, Relating to the State Budget  
**Program ID HTH560**  
By Terry Lock, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m., Room 211

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

Aloha, I am Terry Lock, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) is charged with coordinating efforts on behalf of young children by creating partnerships and alignment of policies and programs to achieve improved outcomes in health, safety, and school readiness and success. Over the past year, EOEL has engaged partners across the state to define the desired outcomes for children and families, as well as the critical strategies to achieve those outcomes, which should be prioritized over the next three to five years. This work – the Hawaii Early Childhood Action Strategy – is described in *Taking Action for Hawaii's Children*, which can be found at [earlylearning.hawaii.gov](http://earlylearning.hawaii.gov).

We strongly support the following budget requests that were originally made in Program ID HTH560, as they were identified as priorities through the Action Strategy. Although the House Committee on Finance did not concur with any of these requests, the absence of these services due to lack of funding is ultimately detrimental to educational outcomes for children, contributing to the high cost of remedial education and health care.

Of all these requests, the need for comprehensive developmental screenings has been recognized time and again by practitioners in the early childhood field as one of the greatest needs for children under age eight.

- **Home Visitation (SEQ# 90-001)**

Home visiting is a prevention strategy that improves the health and well-being of women, children, and families at risk for adverse developmental, health, and safety outcomes. Early investments in home visiting programs have been shown to reduce costs associated with foster care placements, hospitalizations, emergency room visits, unintended pregnancies, and other more costly outcomes and interventions. Research has shown the critical importance that the prevention of child abuse and



neglect plays in early school success. Children who have been neglected or physically abused tend to perform poorly in school, as evidenced by low grades, low standardized test scores, and frequent retention in a grade; the negative effects are even greater for neglected than abused children (Chalk, Gibbons, & Scarupa, 2002).

➤ *FY14: \$3M / FY15: \$3M*

- **SA Perinatal Support Services and Triage (SEQ# 92-001)**

The proposed services seek to decrease drug and alcohol use during pregnancy, increase access to early prenatal care, and refer women to substance abuse treatment through community-based partnerships. Expected outcomes include abstinence of substance use, such as alcohol, smoking, and illicit drugs during pregnancy; screening of all pregnant women for domestic violence and depression; first trimester prenatal care; STI and contraception education for all pregnant women; and reduction of low birth weights.

Research has shown the critical importance that prevention of perinatal substance abuse prenatal exposure plays in early school success. It is noted in *Pathway to Children Ready for School and Succeeding at Third Grade* by Lisbeth Schorr and Vicky Marchand that prenatal drug or alcohol exposure can place the fetus at risk for a variety of negative outcomes, including: poor coordination and problems with learning (Stratton, et al., [eds.], 1996); and low birth-weight and delays in mental skills during toddler years (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2001).

➤ *FY14: \$711,000 / FY15: \$752,000*

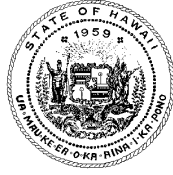
- **Comprehensive Developmental Screening, Assessment and Follow Up (SEQ# 93-001)**

These are identification and intervention services for children from ages 0 to five, not just ages three to five, who have developmental and behavioral concerns but are not eligible for early intervention services. Includes professional staff and ensures families follow up with intervention. This program was cut by the previous administration, but has a proven track record for success.

Undetected developmental problems and emotional disturbance may cause delays in acquiring speech and language, inability to maintain relationships, and serious impediments to school learning (Boyer, 1991; Terman, et al., 1996). Poor peer relationships are associated with later emotional and mental health problems, school dropout, delinquency, aggression, poor social skills, and lack of empathy for peers (Harter, 1983; Marshall, 1990).

➤ *FY14: \$267,000 / FY15: \$437,000*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. EOEL looks forward to working with the Department of Health to improve health and development and early learning outcomes for children from birth to age eight.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING  
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Testimony Relating to  
**H.B. 200 H.D. 1**, Relating to the State Budget  
**Program ID GOV100**  
**Program ID EDN700**  
By Terry Lock, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m., Room 211

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

Aloha, I am Terry Lock, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). I strongly support the funding requests included in the Executive Budget that provide for the Office and planning and implementation of an early learning program for the State of Hawaii.

Early learning is an investment in our future. Its rippling effect doesn't only reach the child but also the entire state. Every \$1 invested today will generate \$4.20 in future savings and increased earnings for Hawaii through less spending on special education, reduced crime, reduced dependence on social services, a more highly-qualified workforce, and more.

- DOE school principals have said that early learning is a positive game changer for K-12.
- UH has said that early learning will improve college graduation rates.
- Our business community knows that early learning results in a more productive, highly-paid workforce that will allow Hawaii to compete in a global economy.
- The City Prosecuting Attorney has said that early learning is the one of the most effective crime prevention measures we have.

Recognizing the significant returns of such an investment, all but 11 states have already invested in preschool programs over the past decade ... and some are already experiencing the immense benefits. But even among the remaining states that have not supported early learning, there is movement. In Mississippi, which has historically ranked near the bottom of the nation in educational achievement, the governor and legislature are at the cusp of creating the state's first State-funded preschool program. *Hawaii is behind.*

Even the President and Senator Mazie Hirono have put early learning at the top of their agendas. To take advantage of federal monies from their proposed initiatives, we must have a State program in place; their initiatives are being designed as state-federal cost-sharing models. Hawaii lost out on Race

to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant monies because we did not have something in place. *We don't want to be behind.*

And there is an urgent need to have a program in place to serve about 3,500 children who will be left without services due to the 2014 change in kindergarten entry age mandated by the Legislature (a child must be five years old before August 1 of the school year to be able to attend DOE kindergarten). These families, many of whom are just trying to make ends meet, will have to pay for an additional year of preschool or find child care that may not be at the quality needed to prepare their child for kindergarten. *We need an early learning program now.*

### **Summary of Funding Request in Executive Budget, Impact of Cuts Made in H.D. 1**

#### **EDN700**

- For contracts with providers to deliver the direct services of a statewide early learning program - to ensure that four-year-olds have access to high-quality school readiness opportunities, with priority for late-borns. Based on no cost for low-income children and a family copayment on a sliding fee scale for middle-income children. School-day/school-year schedule.
  - *FY15: \$22.9M. (Estimated to serve 3,500 children.)*
- For capacity building and quality assurance - recognizing the need to increase the availability of, and consumption of, high-quality school readiness services, especially in areas with limited access to providers.
  - *FY14: \$2.9M / FY15 \$5.3M*

No funding was included in H.D. 1 for EDN700. This would entirely cut direct services that would be available to children through an early learning program. The impact will have lasting effects. These children, without the benefits of early learning, will miss a huge window of opportunity for learning and thus start kindergarten and their educational careers without essential skills and knowledge. Studies show these children are more likely to drop out of school, become a teen parent, be arrested for a violent crime, and never attend college. By choosing not to invest in early learning, the State will continue to be reactive rather than proactive.

Without funds for Capacity Building and Quality Assurance, Hawaii will lose its ability to build and measure the level of quality of an early learning program. A vital component of positive outcomes is high-quality experiences. Currently, the State does not have minimum standards or guidelines that specifically address the level of quality of a program. The elements included in our Capacity Building and Quality Assurance funding request must be concurrent with the early learning program even if the size of the program decreases. Without quality in the program, the State will be unable to take advantage of any of the proposed federal early learning initiatives, which are focused on raising quality rather than simply increasing spaces.

#### **GOV100**

- For EOEL positions (7 total in FY14, 8 total in FY15) and other operational costs - to coordinate and manage the early learning system. EOEL's mission is also to create partnerships and align policies and programs related to health, safety, and school readiness, which lay the foundation for academic and life success – improving quality in the existing system.
  - *FY14: \$648,300 / FY15 \$681,300*

This funding request was cut in H.D. 1 by more than half to \$311,000 in FY14 and \$311,000 in FY15. However, the positions and operating costs requested ensure quality, oversight, and effectiveness of an early learning program, and represent only 5% of the total budget request for the planning and implementation of the program. Such a significant reduction of EOEL's original request for positions and operating funds is highly unrealistic given that 1) EOEL has been charged by the Legislature to develop and implement a new statewide program; 2) EOEL is in the early stages of establishment and therefore has a very lean budget to begin with; and 3) existing staff are expected to expand their responsibilities.

Allow a high-quality early learning program to start and we are confident you will see positive change for our children and the state. The amount of future funding and program expansion depends on the decisions of future legislatures.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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## Committee on Ways and Means

### HB 200, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Testimony of Wes Lum  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to Department of Health

Tuesday, March 19, 2013; Conference Room 211

9:00 a.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports four items in the budget bill:

2 In HTH 904:

3 1. \$1.4 million in each year of the fiscal biennium for the Aging and Disability Resource  
4 Centers.

5 2. An increase of EOA's base budget in each year of the fiscal biennium for Kupuna Care  
6 by \$4.2 million.

7 3. \$80,000 for feasibility study (in FY14) and \$300,000 for an actuarial analysis (in FY15)  
8 for a mandatory social LTC financing system. **EOA would like to recommend that**  
9 **the total amount of \$380,000 be allocated in FY14 rather than sequentially over**  
10 **two years.**

11 In HTH 730:

12 4. \$39,277 (in FY14) and \$78,555 (in FY15) for a Health Educator IV position to focus on  
13 falls prevention for older adults.

1 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA asks for your support for these important initiatives for the  
 2 following reasons:

3 **Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

4 An allocation of \$1,400,000 is sufficient to (1) maintain the statewide operations and  
 5 management information systems (MIS), (2) maintain ongoing operating expenses of the two  
 6 ADRC sites that are fully functional in Maui and Kauai counties, and (3) increase personnel at the  
 7 two remaining ADRC sites that are not in compliance with the fully functional status in Hawaii  
 8 and Honolulu counties. All personnel at the four ADRC sites will provide intake, referrals,  
 9 options counseling, and targeting a triage for long term services and supports. ADRC site  
 10 personnel will provide an in-home assessment and will create a person-centered support plan for  
 11 the individuals. When appropriate, ADRC site personnel will assist older adults who are eligible  
 12 for publicly funded services such as Kupuna Care.

13 The funds are projected to be used as follows:

Line Item	FY14	FY15	Justification
Consultant	\$200,000	\$171,216	Facilitate and provide technical assistance to transform existing business operations at EOA and the four county-based Area Agencies on Aging to create the fully functioning ADRC.  Work on the integration of the Veteran's Health Administration (VA) to deliver home and community supports in conjunction with our ADRC.  Integrate the four county-based data systems into a single statewide ADRC database.  Assist with drawing down Medicaid federal financial participation administrative funds.
MIS (licensing)	\$115,000	\$124,000	MIS expansion to upgrade and consolidate four separate county databases into a

			statewide database accessible to EOA for greater reporting capability and management of clients' needs and resources, and automation of new tools for uniform, evidence based, comprehensive, person centered assessment of the clients' needs and preferences in order to design individualized support plans.
Contracted LTC Disabilities Specialist w/fringe	\$59,352	\$79,136	LTC Disabilities Specialist is a critical position for the ADRC as outlined in the ADRC 5 year plan. Coordinate for persons with disabilities; provide ongoing training to the aging network to familiarize themselves with disabilities.
Contracted Community Living Program (CLP) Manager w/fringe	\$79,136	\$79,136	CLP program manager is a critical position for the ADRC as outlined in the ADRC 5 year plan. This position handles the day to day operations and coordination for a participant directed model. Will be responsible to move this model forward with the Veteran's Administration.
Evaluation and Quality Improvement	\$75,000	\$75,000	As the ADRC sites become fully functional, evaluation and quality improvement will need to be measured as it related to the ADRC 5 year plan.
County of Honolulu Implementation	\$230,576	\$230,576	Increase personnel for the Honolulu ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. These funds will be used to create and fill positions that will provide for the components of a fully functional ADRC.
County of Maui Implementation	\$383,576	\$383,576	Ongoing personnel cost of the Maui ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. Hence these funds will support the ongoing staff to maintain the fully functional daily operations of an ADRC.
County of Kauai Implementation	\$26,783	\$26,783	These funds will support the ongoing staff to maintain the fully functional daily operations of an ADRC and maintain current operating expenses such as IT support.
County of Hawaii Implementation	\$230,577	\$230,577	Increase personnel for the Hawaii ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan

			created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. These funds will be used to create and fill positions that will provide for the components of a fully functional ADRC.
	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	

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EOA and/or the county offices on aging will be seeking additional federal funding from

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other sources as follows:

<b>Source of Federal Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date of Decision/Application</b>
Medicaid Administrative Federal Financial Participation	The administrative match rate is 50% for time spent conducting Medicaid activities for outreach and enrollment.	Pending decision by CMS and MedQuest: August, 2013.
Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services Program	<p>Payment rates will be established between each Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and ADRC, with guidance from Veteran Administration (VA) Central Office. VA Central Office will provide each VAMC with a range of county-based rates sufficient to cover most cases. Rates above the range require VA Central Office approval (e.g., ventilator care, TBI).</p> <p>Each VAMC will have two options: (1) set rates within the range, based on services offered; or (2) allow individualized rates, based on the ADRC assessment, within the range.</p> <p>Under either system, rates should be inclusive of costs of direct services, fiscal management, case management/service coordination/support brokerage, and other administrative costs and overhead.</p>	<p>EOA will submit a readiness review in July, 2013.</p> <p>Note: this is not a competitive grant application; this is an agreement with the VA that the ADRCs will provide services to veterans.</p>
Older Americans Act (Title IIIB, IIIC, IIIE)	\$1,107,058 is the county offices on aging's allocated funding pursuant to the 4 Year Area Plans on Aging that is being utilized for the following ADRC core functions: (a) information, referral, and awareness, (b) options counseling and assistance, and (c)	Expected receipt of fund disbursements approximately quarterly beginning in October, 2013.



	evaluation and quality improvement.	
Affordable Care Act	We are in preliminary discussions with the Hawaii Health Connector so that the ADRCs can become “assistors” by providing outreach, education, and enrollment to people with disabilities who are younger than 60 years of age.	In preliminary discussions.

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EOA is pleased to announce that additional federal funds have already been received in

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2012 as a result of our ADRC development.

Money Follows the Person	\$400,000 (\$348,290 to be expended by EOA + \$51,710 to be expended by DHS). This funding will be used to develop capacity of the ADRC to function as Hawaii’s MDS Section Q local contact agency statewide and provide options counseling to facility residents. Second, funding will support the identification and implementation of a single assessment tool for all persons requiring home and community-based services statewide. Finally, adoption of a single assessment tool will enable the state to develop quality measures to ensure high quality care for all aged and disabled populations, including following those who have transitioned from institutionalized settings.	
Community Based Care Transitions Program (Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act)	The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) tests models for improving care transitions from the hospital to other settings and reducing readmissions for high-risk Medicare beneficiaries. The goals of the CCTP are to improve transitions of beneficiaries from the inpatient hospital setting to other care settings, to improve quality of care, to reduce readmissions for high risk beneficiaries, and to document measurable savings to the Medicare program. Maui County Office on Aging is now receiving fee-for-service funding from CMS for CCTP.	

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**Kupuna Care**

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The monthly cost of a semi-private room in a nursing facility is \$9,733<sup>1</sup>, or \$116,800 per

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year. Approximately 77 people can be served with an annual total budget of about \$9 million.

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An alternative to institutional care is home and community based services. The mission of

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Kupuna Care is to assist Hawaii’s kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives, by

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<sup>1</sup> Source: 2012 Cost of Care Survey by Genworth Financial. Date accessed July 10, 2012  
[http://www.genworth.com/content/non\\_navigable/corporate/about\\_genworth/industry\\_expertise/cost\\_of\\_care.html](http://www.genworth.com/content/non_navigable/corporate/about_genworth/industry_expertise/cost_of_care.html)

1 providing a continuum of home and community based supports, using state funds to target those  
 2 who are frail and vulnerable, and do not have access to other services. Its objectives include  
 3 preventing or delaying the need for more restrictive levels of care, such as moving from one's  
 4 personal home to a nursing facility or care home.

5 EOA will target and triage the use of Kupuna Care funds to support the most vulnerable  
 6 citizens with supports sufficient to reduce their risk of admission to a facility. This will be  
 7 accomplished by the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, including the use  
 8 of options counseling with a uniform comprehensive individual assessment of needs, to replace  
 9 the current variety of minimal assessments not capturing data elements that can track whether the  
 10 individual is reducing the risk of placement out of home.

	<b>Persons Served</b>	<b>Monthly Support Budget</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>		<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>
Target by Level of Impairment <sup>2</sup>					
Priority participants triaged by vulnerability characteristics: 3+ ADL deficits, living alone, age 75 or older	923	\$650	\$7,800	\$7,200,000	
KC participants without triage characteristics (maintain current expenditure level per person <sup>3</sup> )	714	\$105	\$1,260	\$899,640	
Total Targeted:	<b>1657</b>				\$8,099,640
AAAs administrative cost 10% of \$9 million					\$900,000
KC Total Cost					\$8,999,640

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<sup>2</sup> Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) includes eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, transferring in and out of bed or chair, and walking or wheeling within the home. A person who is unable to perform one or more of these ADLs without substantial human assistance is said to have an ADL impairment. A person who can perform the ADL independently with the aid of a device (e.g., walker, bath brush, grab bars) does NOT have an ADL impairment.

<sup>3</sup> Cost per month based on SFY 2011 Kupuna Care Program utilization data.

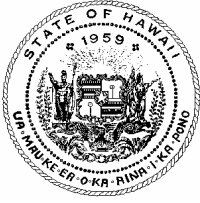
1 **Long-term Care Financing Studies**

2           The majority of Hawaii's older adults will likely develop one or more serious chronic  
3 illnesses, requiring some level of long-term care. Yet, relatively few people of any age are  
4 prepared to pay the high cost of long-term care for any length of time. In 2012, Hawaii's Long  
5 Term Care Commission recommended that the Legislature consider creating a mandatory, social  
6 long term care financing program to help Hawaii's residents pay for long term supports and  
7 services. Two previous attempts to establish a publicly funded long term care financing program  
8 were unsuccessful. The Commission recommended that, as a first step, the Legislature fund a  
9 feasibility study, along with an actuarial analysis, of the design and possible costs of such a  
10 financing program.

11 **Falls Prevention Coordinator**

12           The Governor's biennium budget contains a request for a Health Educator IV position to  
13 focus on fall prevention for older adults. The position would be housed within the Injury  
14 Prevention and Control Section of the Department of Health (DOH). The source of funding for  
15 this position is the Trauma System Special Fund. The position will work closely with EOA, the  
16 Falls Prevention Consortium, and other key stakeholders to implement a comprehensive statewide  
17 program to reduce falls and their consequences. While the DOH has recognized the seriousness of  
18 the problem of falls in older adults for some time, and has implemented some strategies to date,  
19 much more needs to be done. Establishing this position will assure a continued focus on  
20 prevention of falls in our community and ultimately result in longer healthier lives for our aging  
21 population.

22           Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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March 19, 2013  
Rm. 211, 9:00 a.m.

To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: William Hoshijo, Executive Director  
Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 200, H.D.1

**HCRC LBR 153 Request: Restore Position # 47954, with GF.**

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC, LBR 153, is attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

The HCRC has a strong concern about H.D.1 adjustment which would reduce 1 position (#47954) and budgeted funds for vacancy savings.

Our concerns are two-fold:

1. This position #47954 was an Administrative Assistant position that the HCRC is in the process of reallocating to a Civil Rights Specialist position. The MOF for this position is 50-50 GF and federal funds. This position is responsible for coordination of

the HCRC's successful voluntary mediation program, which has been in operation for 13 years. The position has been vacant since the death of incumbent Allen Lynde in July 2011. The HCRC has not been able to fill this position due to a shortfall of federal funds, due to over-reliance of federal funds. (see discussion of over-reliance on federal funds below.)

The HCRC currently has 8 of 22 permanent positions that are wholly or partially federal funded (one 100% federal funded position and seven 50% federal funded positions), which adds up to a total of 4.5 federal funded permanent positions. With 4.5 permanent positions paid by federal funds and the exhaustion of federal funds, the HCRC could not fill this vacancy and continue to fill and pay for other permanent enforcement positions.

While this position has been vacant, the HCRC has had to use limited enforcement staff resources to support the voluntary mediation program. The program has suffered, with diminished effectiveness and success.

The LBR 153 Executive Budget Request and H.D.1 address the over-reliance on federal funding problem, which would in turn allow the HCRC to fill this position. Elimination of this position will destroy the effective and popular voluntary mediation program, putting more stress on enforcement resources.

2. This position was not included in the Executive Budget Request for change of MOF from federal funds to GF for 4.0 positions. The details of the Governor's request included the change of MOF for these seven positions: (0.5) Investigator IV (#030354); (0.5) Office Assistant IV (#047920); (0.5) Office Assistant IV (#047922); (1.0) Investigator IV (#047929); (0.5) Staff Attorney (#102351); (0.5) Hearings Officer

(#102352); (0.5) Staff Attorney (#120550). It did not include the (0.5) Civil Rights Specialist / formerly Administrative Assistant (#47954), because the position was vacant, but as discussed above, the federal funds shortfall was the reason for not filling the vacant position. If the legislature addresses the over-reliance on federal funds as addressed in the Executive Budget Request by the shift of MOF for the seven positions listed, the HCRC should be able to fill this position.

**Alternative to H.D.1 reduction that HCRC opposes:**

If the legislature changes the MOF for the 4.0 positions from federal funds to GF as requested in the Executive Budget Request, the HCRC should have sufficient federal funds to fill this vacant position. The key is the shift of the MOF for the 4.0 positions (which do not include #47954) addressing the issue of over-reliance on federal funds.

**BACKGROUND: OVER-RELIANCE ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

Since 2008, the HCRC has been subjected to the same reductions in force, freezes and abolishment of positions, furloughs, and general fund budget cuts that every state program has faced. In addition, the HCRC was administered a “poison pill” that threatens to cripple the HCRC and state civil rights law enforcement – over-reliance on federal funding.

The HCRC’s 2010 base GF appropriation was \$ 1,355,403.

FY 2010 GF budget was \$ 907,863.

FY 2011 GF budget was \$ 956,043.

FY 2012 GF budget was \$ 1,055,238.

FY 2013 GF budget is \$ 1,021,189. (↓ 25% from 2010 base GF appropriation)

As a result of RIF and abolishment of positions, the HCRC has lost 8 of 30

permanent positions, including 3 of 11 permanent investigator positions (27%).

Over-reliance on federal funds. In order to maintain enforcement capacity, the HCRC has been forced to rely on federal funds to pay for permanent positions in addition to temporary positions, and cover non-personal services operating costs (supplies, library and research database, postage, service, litigation costs, etc.).

8 of 22 remaining permanent positions are wholly or partially federal funded (7 positions at 50/50 and 1 at 100% federal funded), for a total of 4.5 of 22 permanent positions. 5 temporary positions are 100% federal funded.

The HCRC has 2 sources of federal funds, EEOC and HUD contracts for investigation and disposition of complaints dual-filed under state and federal law.

As HCRC was forced to shift MOF for positions from GF to federal fund to keep operating, federal funds spent far exceeded federal funds received. *e.g.*, FY 2011, federal funds received \$254,113, expenditure \$440,191 (358,550 personal svcs + \$81,641 other current expenses); FY 2012, federal funds received \$272,097, expenditure \$450,491.

Since 2009, the HCRC has consistently warned the administration that with continued over-reliance on federal funds, the HCRC's federal fund reserve would be exhausted by the end of FY 2012 – that we were living on borrowed time, and that the bill would come due. (Although such warnings were edited out of HCRC annual reports by the prior administration, the HCRC included that information in budget testimony and communications with WAM and FIN committee staff.)

**Consequences if Over-Reliance on Federal Funds is not Corrected by Requested Restoration/Shift of MOF**

At the end of FY 2012, as predicted, the HCRC's federal fund reserve was

exhausted, and if not addressed, the problem will directly cause additional loss of capacity, affecting both permanent and temporary positions.

In July 2007, before the recession and resulting loss of capacity, the investigation case inventory was 246 cases. Of those, 7 (2.6%) were over 2 years old, from date of filing. In December 2012, the investigation case inventory was 478 cases, a 94% increase over the July 2007 level. Of those, 18% were over 2 years old, from date of filing. The increase in case inventory directly affects the length of time it takes to investigate complaints. The biggest impact is delay on investigation of priority cases. As cases age, they become more difficult to investigate, conciliate, and prosecute.

Who suffers the consequences of delay? This to the detriment of the people - workers and employers, tenants and landlords, homeowners and AOAOs, customers and businesses, complainants and respondents - and the public interest in giving relief to victims of discrimination and preventing future discrimination. Civil rights law enforcement is diminished – without teeth our laws lose meaning, reflecting a lack of state commitment. Equal opportunity and justice are denied.

The HCRC caseload cannot be allowed to continue to grow so large that it makes it impossible to effectively and timely investigate cases. We are at the point that we have to consider dismissal of cases without investigation for administrative reasons, just to maintain the caseload at a manageable level.

Effective enforcement of state civil rights anti-discrimination laws is diminished and ability to meet federal responsibilities is compromised, jeopardizing federal contracts and funding. The HCRC's worksharing and cooperative agreements with EEOC and HUD both require maintenance of state effort, expressly providing against unilateral



reduction in state resources dedicated to enforcement of fair employment and fair housing laws. Both EEOC and HUD have expressed concern over maintenance of effort, with the substantial reduction of GF funding and GF funded positions the HCRC has sustained. Both contracts reimburse the HCRC for investigation and disposition of dual-filed complaints. Loss of capacity results in fewer cases investigated to disposition and less funding under the contracts, exacerbating the shortfall of federal funds.



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**Denise Antolini**  
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Submitted electronically to WAM

WAM Testimony  
HB 200, HD1 State Budget  
Tues. March 19, 2013  
9:00 am, Conference Room 211

William S. Richardson School of Law CIP Requests

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee members:

Thank you for your strong support of the Law School's Building Excellence Projects. With the invaluable help of the Legislature (2006, \$500,000), the Law School has already completed (in 2008) a master plan for renovating its two buildings.

The Law School recently commenced the design phase for one of those important projects, the Community Legal Outreach Center (CLOC), supported by \$825,000 from last session's CIP budget. *The center features important clinical programs that directly serve vulnerable people in our community, including veterans, elderly, Native Hawaiians, immigrants, and small business owners.*

The Law School is now seeking support from the Legislature to continue the critical next steps of these projects already begun with your assistance:

**1. Community Legal Outreach Center (CLOC) Construction – Innovative leveraged request – Law School has “skin in the game”**

**2013 CIP Request: \$3.5m GO; \$3.5m Revenue Bonds (funded by a 1% set aside, approved by BOR in 2011, from the Law School's tuition increase schedule)**

UH Priority: #35 for System; #13 for Mānoa

Location: addition to 'Ewa wing of main Law School Building, 2515 Dole Street

Purpose: to provide critically needed space for the Law School's community outreach programs, including clinical programs (Veterans Assistance, Elder Law, Small Business, Hawaii Innocence Project, Native Hawaiian, Immigration etc.), conference facilities, and faculty offices; accessible and secure entry for community visitors and distinguished jurists.

Scope: 8,000 sf of new construction; 2,000 sf of renovation to existing building. 10-month design; 12-month construction schedule.

Master plan: conceptual work done 2008 (Group70) (under budget)

Design – in progress: \$825,000 (GO, 2012 session), with Group70 – see rendering

Construction: \$7m, leveraged 1(\$3.5m):1(\$3.5m) request to Legislature 2013 session

Community Legal Outreach Center – Currently in Design Phase



**2. Second Floor, Law (Library) Center Expansion**

**2013 CIP Request: \$3m (for design only)**

Location: 2d Floor of Law Library, 2525 Dole Street

Purpose: to modernize this 1982 building with a 2d floor, as originally envisioned by Chief Justice Richardson and the architects; will meet modern law school and law library facilities standards of peer institutions.

Scope: 25,000 sf major renovation (2d floor) and repurposing of building, to provide critical space for *international, inter-disciplinary, and innovation programs, including the Jon Van Dyke Institute for International Justice, the Native Hawaiian, Environmental, and Pacific-Asian Legal Studies programs, campus café and meeting rooms, classrooms, faculty suites, seminar rooms, rare books/archives, staff offices, special library collections, student and extra-curricular spaces, and modern moot court room.*

Master plan: completed 2009 (Group70) (under budget)

**Design: \$3m, pending request to Legislature (see above)**

Construction: \$42m

UH Priority: #24 for System; #8 for Mānoa

On behalf of Dean Avi Soifer and myself, mahalo nui loa for your support and for the opportunity to testify.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Antolini".

Denise Antolini



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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013  
Date: March 19, 2013  
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON  
HB 200 HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
By Donn Yabusaki, Acting Cable Television Administrator  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.**

**TO THE HONORABLE SENATOR DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:**

The Department respectfully requests that this Committee amend HB 200 HD1 to raise the special fund ceiling by \$2,000,000 in FY 14 to provide the Department with needed funds for its efforts to support and promote broadband deployment in the neighbor island counties.

HRS section 440G-11.5 charges the Department with broadband-related duties that include supporting public and private efforts to facilitate deployment of, and access to, competitively priced broadband and internet access services statewide; facilitating broadband application development to bolster usage and demand for broadband level communications; and facilitating implementation of recommendations of the Hawaii Broadband Task Force. One Task Force recommendation was that the State make a substantial commitment and investment in broadband programs and applications in

sectors that government operates or influences: energy, education, public safety, health care, government services, and civic engagement. These programs should be targeted to increase the State's efficiency and ability to deliver enhanced services to Hawaii residents.

Consistent with its broadband duties and with the assistance of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council ("BAAC") and ARRA grant planning funds, the Department recently completed its Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan. In this calendar year, the Department through its Cable Television Division ("CATV") will identify and prioritize infrastructure and adoption activities at the State and county levels with the input of the BAAC and county stakeholders, as outlined in the Strategic Plan. Work on specific projects, in cooperation with State and local entities, is scheduled to begin by the third quarter of this calendar year.

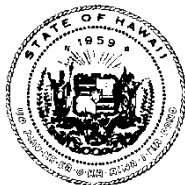
The Department is requesting use of CATV funds designated for Broadband and Institutional Network (INET) purposes specifically for its work with the individual counties on projects that can effectively advance and expedite broadband deployment and adoption in each county. The \$2 million ceiling increase was requested specifically for the Department's efforts in the neighbor island counties because, as identified in the Strategic Plan, these counties face the greatest challenges in providing access to the unserved and underserved residents of our State. A base amount of \$500,000 would be allocated for each neighbor island county, with further allocation made based upon the specific needs of the counties, productive use of the funds to address needed infrastructure, and the opportunity presented to leverage those funds with other government projects being implemented. The Department has already begun discussions with the neighbor island counties regarding their specific needs and priorities, and potential projects have been identified for Hawaii County and Maui County. Projects will be selected with the input of the individual mayors and county councils and the BAAC, to effectively address the unique circumstances and priorities of the respective counties

In selecting infrastructure projects, the Department will give added consideration to those projects that will allow leveraging with other State activities, such as the

Department's regulatory authority over the INET under Chapter 440G, as well as those projects that may inform the development of legislation, standardized forms, or policies to streamline state and county broadband permitting and approvals processes. Work will be conducted in collaboration with the counties, private stakeholders, OIMT and other State agencies where appropriate. This work will not duplicate OIMT's efforts as the lead on the Governor's Hawaii Broadband Initiatives ("HBI"), but will be leveraged to support and complement OIMT's plans.

The \$2 million reduction in the special fund ceiling for broadband activities will significantly reduce the Department's effectiveness in carrying out its statutory broadband responsibilities and its ARRA grant activities to increase broadband deployment and adoption at the local level. The Department strongly believes that the requested allocation of INET funds for the Department's broadband related activities at the county level is consistent with the purpose of those funds, and can make a significant impact in reaching the State's goal of providing broadband access to all of its residents no matter where they work or live.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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**BARBARA E. ARASHIRO**  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

March 19, 2013 9:00 A.M.  
Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**House Bill No. 200, House Draft 1**  
**Relating to the State Budget**

Honorable Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) No. 200, House Draft (HD) 1, relating to the state budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** enactment of this measure, **with amendments**, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

The HPHA respectfully requests for the Ways and Means Committee's favorable consideration of returning the \$90 million that was originally budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) section which is located on page 23 of the bill. The HPHA initially found \$180 million in immediate capital needs. However, after discussing this issue with the Administration, it was proposed to seek \$90 million in CIP funds, and the HPHA would like to see the \$90 million in CIP funds restored. The HPHA would also respectfully request to amend and replace the language at the top of page 123 of the bill as follows:

1. HPHA01 LUMP SUM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS STATEWIDE

PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT TO DEVELOP, UPGRADE OR RENOVATE PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES, INCLUDING GROUND & SITE IMPROVEMENTS, INFRASTRUCTURE,

EQUIPMENT, APPURTENANCES AND ALL RELATED OR  
ASSOCIATED PROJECT COSTS STATEWIDE.

This will allow the HPHA the funding and the flexibility it needs to address the half-billion (\$500,000,000) in capital needs of the agency's housing stock. The HPHA needs the flexibility of lump sum CIP funding, due to the agency's aging inventory, unforeseen costs that might not be accounted for in the future, and to complete projects on a timelier basis.

If the CIP funding is tied to a specific project, we sometimes encounter issues that will not have funding until the HPHA requests it from the Legislature the following year. For example, when a boulder came down into Kalihi Valley Homes and took out two units. Or when a wall is being repaired, and we discover that the pipes are cracked, and need to be replaced. This lump sum CIP funding will allow the HPHA to repair our low-income housing properties quicker, and move more needy families into low-income public housing.

Although we have budgeted for sequestration, we are unsure as to what level of funding the HPHA will receive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Capital Fund Program in the future. This much needed CIP lump sum funding is needed to bring the HPHA one step closer to bringing its housing inventory up to current on its capital needs.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's position regarding H.B. 200, HD1. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.





TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA  
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

MARCH 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

**MEASURE:** H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1  
**TITLE:** Relating to the State Budget

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

**DESCRIPTION:**

This measure would appropriate funds for the State's Executive Branch operating and capital improvement budgets for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium. With regard to the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1 appropriates amounts from the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund ("Special Fund") under section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Commission's and the Consumer Advocate's operating expenses, as well as for the Commission's office space expansion and renovation.

**POSITION:**

The Commission supports the passage of H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1, as it partially funds the expansion and renovation of its existing and newly assigned office space to facilitate the staffing levels that have been identified as essential through various studies and audits. The Commission would like to provide the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

**COMMENTS:**

The Commission has made substantial progress in the past year in moving forward its comprehensive office expansion and renovation plan in coordination with the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of Budget and Finance, and the Office of the Attorney General. In July 2012, the Commission was

assigned additional space within the Kekuaaoa Building after eighteen months of reviewing and evaluating various alternatives, and has, with the assistance of the various departments mentioned above, been moving forward with the planning and design for the office expansion. Without the expansion and renovation of the newly assigned space, the Commission will be unable to hire for the added positions that are necessary to carry out the Commission's increased regulatory responsibilities, despite the Legislature's continued support to fund the Commission at a fully-staffed level from its Special Fund.

Please note a Governor's Message including a revised Form A for the Commission's office expansion and renovation should be submitted shortly. The revised Form A includes the most updated cost information for the office expansion and renovation. The Commission would appreciate the Committee's consideration for full funding of each phase of the proposed expansion and renovation, each of which are essential to improving the Commission's operational efficiencies. The Commission will be happy to brief the Committee on the phasing of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Statement of  
**Mike McCartney**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Tourism Authority  
on  
**H.B. 200, H.D. 1**  
**Relating to the State Budget**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

The Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) is directed by law to have a “permanent, strong focus on marketing and promotion” that is guided by a tourism marketing plan and priorities established in the Tourism Strategic Plan. HTA’s programs and strategies consider economic conditions in the United States and the world markets, and conditions that may impact Hawaii’s visitor industry, such as the European economic crisis and natural disasters like the Japan earthquake and tsunami. In 2012, the HTA focused on enhancing the momentum that was building in the Hawaii visitor industry and to pursue the targets established by the HTA board by focusing on marketing programs that drive travel demand, visitor arrivals and spending. These efforts included partnerships with airlines and travel wholesalers to develop creative and effective programs to stimulate travel to the Hawaiian Islands.

In 2009, the Hawaii visitor industry hit a low of \$27 million in visitor spending per day, \$930 million in state tax revenue and supported 132,000 jobs. In 2012, just three years later, visitor arrivals reached a record 7,998,815 (a YOY increase of 9.6%), exceeding the previous high of 7,628,118 visitors in 2006. Daily visitor spending reached \$39 million, which equates to \$14.3 billion in total visitor spending (a YOY increase of 18.7%). The increase in arrivals and the resulting increase in visitor spending helped to generate an incremental \$2 billion more into the state’s economy compared to 2011. We now have over 10.1 million air seats (+8.5%) bringing people to Hawaii which is just short of our all-time high of 10.3 million in 2006.

Hawaii Tourism Indicators (KPIs)	2012 TARGET	2012p	% change 2011-2012p	2013 TARGET	% change 2012p-2013T
Visitor Arrivals	7,890,278	7,998,815	9.6	8,505,640	6.3
Total Expenditures (\$mil.)	13,924.5	14,333.1	18.7	15,862.5	10.7
Daily Spend (PPPD \$)	187.98	192.0	8.9	200.3	4.3

\*2013 Targets are subject to HTA board approval.

Hawaii Tourism Indicators (Other)	2012 RESULT	2013 TARGET
Tax Revenue	1.58 billion	1.66 billion
Jobs Supported	167,000	183,000
ROI	14.1 to 1	14.2 to 1

2012p	Visitor Arrivals	% change YOY	Visitor Expenditures (\$mil.)	% change YOY	Daily Spend (PPPD \$)	% change YOY
O'ahu	4,891,540	11.1	7,428.2	18.7	205.4	6.6
Maui	2,295,867	5.9	3,617.3	18.8	195.2	12.4
Moloka'i	53,573	-3.0	31.0	11.1	119.4	9.5
Lāna'i	73,815	-1.6	85.0	5.9	319.5	5.0
Kaua'i	1,084,868	7.3	1,411.1	20.1	172.7	11.7
Hawai'i Island	1,434,271	8.8	1,718.6	17.7	163.9	8.8

While we were pleased with the results of 2012 and anticipate the momentum to continue in 2013, we recognize that the industry is affected by global trends and events, and is cyclical, so we must be cognizant as we look to the coming year and future years. In 2013, the HTA is committed to building the demand from our major market areas, distributing the benefits of tourism across all islands, and leveraging opportunities and partnerships from developing markets, especially in the Asia-Pacific region. We will continue to work to enhance Hawai'i's competitive advantage and invest in unique experiences that celebrate who we are as a people, place and culture. We strongly believe these efforts are critical to sustaining Hawai'i's tourism economy and will help pave the way for a bright future.

In order to sustain the momentum and provide opportunity for growth, The HTA would support an increase to the amount of TAT funds deposited into the Tourism Special Fund. The removal of the limit will enable the HTA to invest in the following market development and experiential activities.

- **Market Development:** Support air access by cultivating new carriers and routes; support existing direct service and work for development of other origination points in all major market areas; increase visitor distribution to the neighbor islands; and stimulate the meetings, conventions and incentives business with a focus on high potential vertical markets.
- **Experiential Development:** Establish the Hawaiian Music and Dance Museum at the Hawai'i Convention Center; establish multiple LPGA events on multiple neighbor islands; improve the arrival and departure experience for cruise by aiding in improvements at harbors; support career development; increase Hawaiian Culture activities and initiatives throughout all programs; and expand upon existing HTA programs, events and festivals to further diversify the experiential assets of our people, place and culture.

It is recommended that the HTA be allowed to retain its current appropriation which allows the agency to meet its goals and have a significant and direct impact on the state's economy and overall resident quality of life.

\*A supplemental appropriation adjustment may be requested in future years for major R&M projects.



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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

**March 19, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**State Capitol, Room 211**

**HB 200, HD1 – Relating to the State Budget**

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) strongly opposes HB 200, HD1 – Relating to the State Budget. This bill, which eliminates 47.50 positions, including six that have been filled and five that are in recruitment, as well as general funds of \$2,060,494, would directly force the immediate closure of four libraries due to the elimination of their branch manager positions: the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and Ewa Beach Public and School Library on Oahu, and Naalehu Public Library and Pahala Public and School Library on the Big Island. In addition, loss of personnel and funding could result in the closure of additional public libraries. Any additional closures will be evaluated based on remaining staffing levels, usage statistics, geographic location, proximity to neighboring libraries, and a number of other factors, including the effect of consolidating these libraries on services to their affected communities, schools and patrons.

We would also be forced to reduce public service hours at many other libraries and eliminate or greatly reduce programs and services statewide. HSPLS takes these

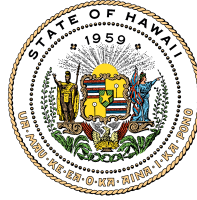
very drastic actions reluctantly, but we have no other alternative given the number of positions and amount of funding eliminated, in addition to budget cuts and restrictions we have received over the past few years.

HSPLS has always been totally transparent in our accounting for vacancy savings and has provided detailed reports to the Legislature, Administration, and the Board of Education on how these funds were used. These savings were primarily used to bring in temporary hires for our vacant positions to allow our public libraries statewide to operate and continue their public service days and hours. Our recruitment challenges, budget cuts and restrictions, personnel issues, etc. are detailed in our impact statement regarding the HSPLS vacant positions, which was sent to your committee. Vacancy savings were also used to cover many unbudgeted costs including Security Guards, increases in utilities, repairs and maintenance of library buildings, library books and materials, supplies, delivery vans, and public programs.

We would like to commend your committee in taking a responsible approach in its review of these vacant positions by allowing us to prioritize them and provide their impact on all our public libraries. HSPLS is committed to working closely with both money committees to develop a fair and equitable budget for our public libraries and more than 1 million patrons.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

H.B. 200, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200, H.D. 1. The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) supports this measure, but offers the following comments specifically relating to OIMT's budget appropriation in program AGS 130.

OIMT's original budget request to support of the State's technology modernization initiative was as follows:

1. General fund requests for \$29.73 million in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$29.67 million in Fiscal Year 2015 to:
  - Provide 25 additional positions to manage and support critical programs and projects of the Transformation Plan through collaborative governance and an Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO);
  - Improve the State's security posture and safeguard its information assets from cyber-threats, cyber-thieves, and attacks;
  - Upgrade the State's technology infrastructure thereby removing single-points of failure that make us particularly vulnerable to catastrophic and irretrievable loss of data and information;
  - Begin consolidation of commonly shared IT services, software, and technology solutions, such as networking, security, cloud computing, email, and help desks to

best leverage the State's fiscal resources and invest in our IT knowledge workers;  
and

- Encourage and increase citizen participation and engagement with State government through the Open Government programs and the development of department mission applications using common software development platforms to provide improved information exchange, accessibility, sharing and interoperability.
2. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests for \$30 million in both FY 2014 and FY 2015 to:
- Implement the next phases of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which will provide an integrated, unified solution to financial and budget management, human resources management, payroll, time and attendance, acquisitions management, assets management, and grants management (\$24 million).
  - Plan and design the first phase of the Data Center Consolidation that will ensure continuity of operations (COOP) and disaster recovery (DR) that are vital for the State to deliver its programs and services to the people of Hawaii.

The efforts undertaken by OIMT will support all departments through centralized services, consolidation of infrastructure, and enterprise level management of IT policies to institute better practices, realize cost efficiencies, and streamline operations.

While our budget request is sizeable, we must emphasize that it encompasses statewide programs and projects that are the highest priorities that must be addressed in order to increase government efficiencies, transparency and accountability. H.B. 200, H.D. 1 provides for full funding of CIP in FY 2014, however it significantly reduces OIMT's General Funds request for both FY 2014 and FY 2015 and CIP funds in FY 2015. At the current level of funding provided in the measure, OIMT's operations will be severely impacted and any technology modernization efforts and business process improvements will be considerably delayed or not implemented.

We thank the Legislature for its support of the State's Business and IT/IRM Transformation Plan. The FY 2013 supplemental budget appropriation of \$25 million allowed OIMT to launch foundational proof-of-concept projects that are vital to advancing the Transformation Plan under our Top 10 Enterprise Programs. Our budget requests will continue to move these critical top 10 programs and associated projects forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.





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March 19, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 200 HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) has the following positions on HB 200 HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Strongly Support

We **strongly support** the Council's budget under HTH 905 – Developmental Disabilities Council in the HD1 (Budget Worksheet, Page 443 of 729).

SEQ # 3-001 adds funds of \$ 3,326A and \$16,133N in both fiscal years for labor savings restoration, and SEQ # 10-001 allows the trade-off of \$108,627 in Federal funds from other current expenses to personal services in DD Council.

Strongly Support with Amendments

The Council **strongly supports** the following budget items with proposed amendments, and asks for your consideration in amending those budget items:

1. HTH 501 - Developmental Disabilities

- A. SEQ # 90-001 – Add funds for Home and Community Based Services Waiver. (Budget Worksheet, Page 385 of 729)

The Executive request was \$2,683,384 for FY 2014 and \$2,683,384 for FY 2015. HD1 reduced the amount to \$1,500,000 for FY 2014 and zero funds for FY 2015. We ask the Senate Ways and Means Committee to please amend the amount by restoring \$1,183,384 for FY 2014 and \$2,683,384 for FY 2015. These funds provide the State match funds for

Federal reimbursement to enable individuals with DD to receive services under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver program. Without additional funds for the program, there would be: 1) a reduction in current level of services to individuals in the program, 2) no new admissions that would result in a waitlist, 3) high risk of litigation, and 4) a reduction in Federal reimbursements.

- B. SEQ # 91-001 – Add funds for State share for Intermediate Care Facilities. (Budget Worksheet, Page 386 of 729)

The Executive request was \$704,504 for FY 2014 and \$704,504 for FY 2015. HD1 reduced that amount to zero funds for both fiscal years. We ask the Senate Ways and Means Committee to please amend the amount by restoring \$704,504 for both FY 2014 and FY 2015. The State match funds are critical for the Department of Health DD Division in providing services for 79 individuals with DD who require intermediate care facilities services. Without the funds, these individuals would be at risk of losing services and their homes.

- C. SEQ # 92-001 – Add funds for Fiscal Agent to Process Department of Human Services Claims. (Budget Worksheet 386 of 729)

The Executive request was for \$290,000 for FY 2014 and \$290,000 for FY 2015 for a fiscal agent to process the Department of Human Services claims. We ask the Senate Ways and Means Committee to please amend the amount by restoring \$290,000 for FY 2014 and \$290,000 for FY 2015. This request is necessary for the processing of service claims in a timely manner in order for timely payments to service providers.

## 2. HTH 560 - Family Health Services

- A. SEQ # 91-001 – Add funds for Early Intervention Services Purchase of Service Contracts. (Budget Worksheet, Page 396 of 729)

The Executive request was \$1,271,698 for FY 2014 and \$1,271,698 for FY 2015. HD1 reduced that amount to zero funds for both fiscal years. We ask the Senate Ways and Means Committee to please amend the amount by restoring \$1,271,698 for both FY 2014 and FY 2015. These funds would address the deficit projected for FY 2014 and FY 2015 in providing early intervention services by purchase of service contracts and meeting the requirements under P.L. 108-446 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C, and the Hawaii Early Intervention State Plan for infants and toddlers 0-3 years of age. Without the additional funds, the

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State would be in non-compliance with the Federal requirements under Part C and would be at risk for litigation.

- B. SEQ # 93-001 – Add (8) Positions and Funds for Preschool Developmental Screening Program. (Budget Worksheet, Page 397 of 729)

The Executive request was for eight positions and \$282,740 for FY 2014 and eight positions and \$467,463 for FY 2015. HD1 reduced the amounts to zero positions and zero funds for both fiscal years. We ask the Senate Ways and Means Committee to please amend the amount by restoring eight positions and \$282,740 for FY 2014 and eight positions and \$467,463 for FY 2015. These positions and funds would provide safety net services to infants and toddlers 0-3 years of age who will not be eligible for early intervention services due to the proposed changes in eligibility criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony with proposed amendments and your consideration of the amendments for **HB 200 HD1**.

Sincerely,

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

  
J. Curtis Tyler III  
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March 19, 2013

Senate Ways & Means Committee  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, 2013  
State of Hawai'i

TO: Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee

March 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m., Room 211

FROM: The Early Learning Advisory Board

RE: HB 200, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Bill 200, HD1. The Early Learning Advisory Board would like to offer testimony in support of funding for critically important efforts to enhance early education opportunities across the state. No funding for school readiness has been included in the current version of this bill.

Established under Act 178 (2012), the Early Learning Advisory Board replaced the Early Learning Council and is responsible for advising the Executive Office on Early Learning, providing recommendations to the Executive Office on Early Learning, promoting collaboration among state agencies, and being an independent voice for the overall well-being of Hawaii's children. The Early Learning Advisory Board is strongly and unanimously committed to the principle that investing in early learning now will immediately and demonstrably benefit the lives of Hawaii's children and their families.

Funding for school readiness is also a matter of equity, fundamental to our state's commitment to equal educational opportunities for all. The families of young children from the neighbor islands and rural areas of all islands are already disadvantaged by the limited availability of quality early learning options in their communities. Families unable to afford the substantial costs of private early learning are the very ones most in need.

We also encourage the legislature to put Hawaii in the running for federal funding which President Obama has strongly advocated for early learning. Hawaii was not in such a position when funding was available for the "Race to the Top" Early Learning Challenge grant because we were one of few states with no public-private early learning system in place.

We strongly support advancing this bill and look forward to working collaboratively and proactively with the legislature and the broader community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Peters  
Early Learning Advisory Board

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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Kaloa R.N. Robinson**  
**Director of Marketing**  
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**HB 200, HD1** - Relating to the State Budget Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of **HB200 HD1**, which appropriates \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

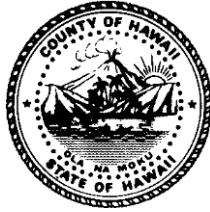
The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Students from the College of Pharmacy are part of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. This dynamic program follows closely to the national "Patient Centered Medical Home" model, as it creates a Team approach with primary care providers. In addition, the UHH School of Pharmacy is also:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to support **HB 200 HD1**.

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Re: House Bill 200 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) request for appropriation of \$2 million dollars to work with the neighbor island counties to advance broadband deployment in areas that face the greatest challenges in providing high-speed broadband to their residents.

Hawai'i County has many gaps in infrastructure, particularly in sparsely populated areas. We have met with DCCA to discuss ways to improve broadband infrastructure in Hawai'i County, and ways we can work together to address our residents' needs.

One important project we discussed is our "Safe Haven" project to provide WiFi broadband at County Parks & Recreation facilities in underserved locations around the island. This project provides broadband access to students in parks facilities that have afterschool programs, and at the same time will bring broadband access into some communities that have none today. For those areas with no broadband access, DCCA assistance through the leveraging of INET benefits will greatly benefit our residents.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important effort to advance the deployment of broadband infrastructure on our island.

Aloha,

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**RE: H.B. 200, H.D. 1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of a proposed amendment to CCA105 Sequence No. 91-001 (worksheet at page 168), to include a ceiling increase in the Contractor Education Trust Fund (T-909) ("CTEF"). Although such a provision was included in the original H.B. 200, it is not currently found in H.B. 200, H.D. 1.

In 2011, the Department met with and participated in the Unlicensed Contractor Law Enforcement Task Force ("Task Force"), which was assembled by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") at the specific request of the Legislature, to address ongoing problems with unlicensed contracting activity in Hawai'i.

As a result of those meetings, the Task Force not only crafted new criminal provisions—which were enacted in 2012 as Act 244—but also concluded that increased consumer education would play a key role in decreasing and/or eliminating unlicensed contractor activity in our communities. Specifically, the Task Force recommended that the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") explore the possibility of a public service announcement ("PSA"), as a joint effort between the DCCA and law enforcement agencies, to inform the public about the dangers and risks of hiring unlicensed contractors.

To facilitate this recommendation, the DCCA requested a ceiling increase to the CTEF, which is an existing fund that is regularly paid-into by all licensed general contractors. The proposed PSA appears to fit squarely within the purpose of the CTEF, and would certainly be of great interest and benefit to all licensed contractors. In fact, it is the Department's understanding that the CTEF is already sufficient to fund the

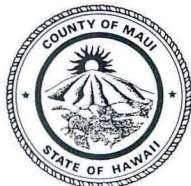
production and airing of a PSA, except that the current ceiling does not allow such large expenditures.

Because there is no anticipated impact on the State budget, and the anticipated PSA would clearly further the Task Force's recommendations, the Department believes that a provision to increase the CTEF ceiling should be re-inserted into H.B. 200, H.D. 1. Such increase would allow for production and airing of the PSA on mainstream television (PSA's are often aired for free), and also allow the PSA to be featured on the DCCA website and in social media (YouTube, Facebook, etc). The Department believes the anticipated PSA would further the efforts of law enforcement agencies and of RICO, providing a true public service, to address ongoing concerns about unlicensed contracting activity.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department supports the addition of provisions for a ceiling increase in the CTEF, at CCA105 Sequence No. 91-001 (worksheet at page 168), H.B. 200, H.D. 1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.



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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 200**  
**Relating to the State Budget**

Committee of Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair  
Hearing: March 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

We are providing testimony in support of House Bill 200 relating to the State Budget in Governor's Message Number 226 specifically for the following:

1. AG - Adds \$1,745, 834 in general funds each year for the Statewide Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) and Victim Witness Programs
2. AG - Adds \$440,000 in general funds for FY14 and \$794,959 for FY15 for the County Victim Services program as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI).

The Victim Witness Assistance Division of the Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney provided services to 3,303 victims and witnesses in 2012. These services include, but not limited to: crisis and short-term counseling, case status notification and information, court accompaniment, referral for financial assistance including Crime Victim Compensation, referral for social services, and advocacy for victim's rights. As these services are mandated by the State by the creation of the Victim Witness Assistance Programs in each county, funding from the State is vital to carry out the mission and to provide the necessary and much needed services to victims and witnesses. The Victim Witness Assistance Program is the liaison between the prosecutors and the victims and is an important link in the successful prosecution of cases.

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Victim Program was funded this fiscal year by Act 106. Maui County was appropriated funding for two counselor positions to address property crime victims which is an under-served population. Due to the volume of cases, services have been geared mainly to victims and surviving family members of violent crimes. One counselor was hired a month ago and she has since tracked cases from the initial stage beginning at in-

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March 19, 2013

**RE: H.B. 200, H.D. 1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in **strong support** of the requests for funds outlined in Governor's Message 226:

***“AG - Adds \$1,745,834 in general funds each year in FB 201 3-1 5 for the statewide Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness programs.***

***AG - Adds \$440,000 in general funds for FY 14 and \$794,959 for FY 15 for the County Victim Services program as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)”***

Pursuant to legislation passed in 1979, and codified as Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 845-1, 845-2, and 845-3, the Career Criminal Prosecution program was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes were committed against the people by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat felony offenders, commonly known as career criminals. The legislature directed the Attorney General to support prosecuting attorney's offices with funds and technical assistance. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu created the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, which the State in the past, funded annually. Money spent on this unit is an efficient use of resources, especially when we are trying to provide our citizens with swift and effective justice, and reduce heavy caseloads and long court delays. With your support, our deputy prosecuting attorneys will have the tools necessary to make our community better by removing chronic criminals from the public.

According to our records, our Department processed 1,041 Career Criminal Cases in the 1997 Calendar Year with 12 Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys fully funded by State funds. As funds decreased so did the number of Deputies assigned to the Career Criminal Unit. From 1997 the

cases decreased to 366 cases in 1999 and 441 cases in 2000. By 2011 the number of cases had decreased to 187, and currently there are insufficient funds in the current State Budget to fund even a single full time Deputy Prosecutor. The Career Criminal Unit is now staffed only by City funded sexual assault prosecutors. The funding provided in GM 226 would underwrite the salaries and fringe benefits for 5 Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, 3 Legal Clerks, and 1 Paralegal position for a total of \$997,375.

Since 1983, the Legislature has provided support for the Victim Witness Assistance Program. In 1986, the Legislature enacted Statute Section 28-111 that established the Victim Witness Assistance Program on a statewide basis. This statute establishes the program in the Department of Attorney General, with the purpose of providing information, assistance, and support services to the victims and witnesses of crimes committed in Hawaii. The Attorney General is mandated to allocate and award funds to the counties whose Victim Witness Assistance programs are in substantial compliance with policies and criteria established by the Attorney General in cooperation with the county prosecutors.

The Honolulu Victim Witness Kokua Services, with the support of the Legislature, and even greater funding from the City and County of Honolulu, has developed into one of the finest services of its kind in the country. However in 2011, this Division helped 4,300 crime victims, down from 12,000 victims served in 2001. In 2001 12 Victim Witness Assistance positions were funded in the State Budget, today there is only funding sufficient for two Victim Witness Counselors. GM 226 proposes funding for the salaries and fringe benefits for 5 Victim Witness Counselors, 1 Administrative Specialist, and two Legal Clerks for a total of \$555,373.

Victims are usually the key witnesses in a case. Without their testimony, criminals cannot be held responsible for their actions and remain free to hurt others in the community. Victims need assistance to face testifying in court and they require help in recovering from the trauma criminal victimization. The Victim/Witness Kokua Services provides this support. The mission of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu is to seek justice, which must be equally available to both victims and defendants. Legislators had this in mind when they created Chapter 801D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes [H.R.S.], Rights of Victims and Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings. Those very rights established by law are significantly diminished when our funding base erodes, as it has in recent years. Crime victims' right to information, which is the very cornerstone of H.R.S. Chapter 801D, is severely jeopardized by the staffing vacancies (7) that have been the consequence of the continual budget cuts.

We also note that the City & County of Honolulu now pays far more proportionately (over \$1,000,000) for its victim/assistance program than state law requires. H.R.S. 28-111, which created the State Victim/Witness Assistance Program, requires counties to match 25 percent of the program funding. Honolulu now provides the program almost forty times the matching requirement. By paying for the largest percentage of the program costs, Honolulu has already proved its commitment to helping victims. While the county has been able to fill the gaps created by State funding reductions in the past, it is no longer able to do so. For example, six county funded positions also remain vacant due to the shortage of funds.

We have also been able to relieve the state from underwriting other victim assistance costs. For example, we were successful in getting the City and County to fully cover the cost of medical-legal examinations provided by the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. County funding has increased from \$50,000 to more than \$400,000. Our Office provides another \$336,000 annually in federal

Victims of Crime Act funds to contract for additional services for victims who are immigrants or have limited English proficiency, victims of sexual assault, and survivors of victims of homicide and negligent homicide. Assuming administrative responsibility for these federal funds is both costly and time consuming. The federal VOCA program does not permit use of these funds for anything than direct services to crime victims. The City and County of Honolulu has had to assume virtually the entire administrative costs for administering these services in recent years, as State funding has precipitously fallen.

The second area of critical needs for crime victims addressed in GM 226 are the City and County of Honolulu's 6 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) positions, including 4 Victim Witness Counselors and 2 Legal Clerks. This funding will supplement JRI funding provided in the current fiscal year that is anticipated to carry over into FY 2014 (due to delays in program start up in FY 2013) and provides full funding for the program in 2015.

The JRI Victim Services Initiative targets improvements in victim and witness safety assessments and their fundamental integration into every phase of offender custody evaluations, both pre-trial and post conviction. The proposed added victim/witness personnel contribute to both better and timelier collection of critical safety data and input from victims and witnesses. Once collected such data and input is expeditiously communicated to prosecutors, judges and other appropriate Judiciary personnel, as well the Intake Service Center, Parole, and related personnel with the Department of Public Safety.

Secondly, and of equal importance, JRI positions provide a more thorough, effective, and timely collection, compilation and dissemination of complete and accurate victim restitution information. Emphasis is placed on establishing and maintaining contact with crime victims regarding all restitution related issues. From first contact to the full completion of restitution payments a top priority will be collecting accurate, thorough and up to date victim contact information. Various personal and technological methods will be employed to maintain the currency of this information throughout the criminal justice process. Project personnel similarly and simultaneously focus on establishing verified amounts of restitution owed to victims and will provide updated restitution details as they become available. Primary responsibility for maintaining contact and fielding post conviction inquiries from victims is also vested with these personnel. They will also be the primary point of contact for those individuals and agencies involved in the collection and disbursement of restitution.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department supports the funding in GM 226 for the Career Criminal and Victim Witness Assistance Programs in our Department as well as the funding for our JRI Victim Assistance positions. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

custody cases. The counselor has accompanied victims to preliminary hearings, made early contacts to victims to assess their safety, provided information about restitution and case status including registration in the Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification (SAVIN). The second position will be filled sometime this month. These two counselors will be providing services to victims relating to restitution, victim safety planning and case notification from the time of arrest or charge throughout the offenders' incarceration period to release.

The appropriations for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Programs is distinct from the appropriations for the JRI Victim Services Program. Because of limited funding, we were able to serve only violent crime victims in the past. With JRI funding we would be able to assist property crime victims with their restitution, victim safety planning and case status notification. Reinvesting the funds for County Victim Services program is an integral part for the successful implementation of the JRI objectives.

We respectfully urge you to support HB 200 specifically appropriations for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Programs and the Justice Reinvestment Initiative County Victim Services program.

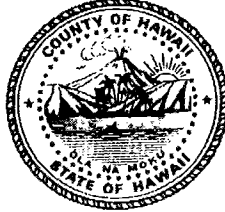
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 200  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Hearing: March 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 200 relating to the State budget, which will be heard Wednesday March 6, 2013, at 2:00pm. The purpose of this proposed bill is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013–2014 and 2014–2015.

I would like to specifically address the following budget items:

- 1) AG – Adds \$1,745,834 in general funds each year for the statewide Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) and Victim Witness Programs; and
- 2) AG – Adds \$440,000 in general funds for FY 14 and \$794,959 for FY 15 for the County Victim Services program as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI).

Within the last 3 months, Hawai'i County has had 7 murders and 2 attempted murder cases. It is imperative that the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney have the necessary staff and training of those staff to meet the demands of these serious cases.

For victims of crime, the support provided by the Victim Assistance Unit is immeasurable. In Hawai'i, victims of crime are entitled to receive notification of offender custody status, case information, details of a plea bargain, case disposition, and notification of parole hearings. It is the Victim Assistance Unit that insures victims receive these basic rights. Funding from the State for the Victim Witness Program (VWP) allows this program to operate effectively, and without it we would not be able to staff the unit to appropriately meet the needs of the victim. The Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) program has goals to quickly identify, prosecute, and convict those that make a career of crime. For the past thirty years the CCP program has kept the crime rate in Hawai'i down through the early identification and vigorous prosecution of career criminals. Without the needed funds Hawai'i County would have to terminate two Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys and seven investigators, clerks and assistants whose work is to specifically identify and prosecute career criminals.

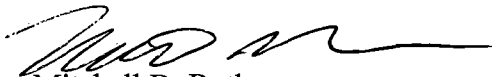
JRI is committed to enhancing public safety while at the same time making the criminal justice system more efficient. Ensuring public safety is critical to the success of this program. Successful implementation of the JRI includes a permanent victim services component. With the transition of inmates back from non-state facilities, it is imperative that victim services be staffed and trained to handle the number of victim notifications and safety planning services that will be needed. Victims have a right to be notified of a defendant's custody status and without the appropriate staff available to notify them, they may be denied these rights. JRI is about holding the defendant accountable while providing the victim the necessary support they need as well.

JRI also focuses on restitution. Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has currently hired two staff through JRI. One a Victim/Witness Counselor has been assigned to property crimes, an area which was previously underserved through the victim assistance unit. With this addition alone, we have revamped our entire Victim Assistance Unit response to restitution by creating a new document that more accurately monitors restitution – this includes monies owed not only to the victim directly, but to Department of Human Services for medical liens associated with Quest or Aloha Care, Crime Victims Compensation (CVCC), and other appropriate parties. In one particularly difficult robbery/assault case, the new counselor was able to document that Crime Victims Compensation should have received \$14,591.00 in restitution that wasn't originally ordered. We are currently in the process of requesting a motion to modify the restitution. Restitution back to the State helps the State. Repayment of financial losses from crime is a critical component to defendant accountability.

Each year states battle with ways to balance their budgets and reallocate their funds in order to best serve the constituents of their State. Through JRI, the State of Hawai'i is trying to better allocate resources spent on housing inmates on the mainland, and reinvesting those funds here in the Island. It is important that we reinvest those funds in a manner which will best lead to the success of this program, and that includes secured funding for the victim services component.

The Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney fully supports the passage of HB200.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnership

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
MARCH 19, 2013 9:00 a.m.

HB 200 HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Re: Funding for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture FY 13-15; Bio-Controls & Pest Control efforts HB 200 HD 1

Hawaii's Ranchers and Farmers are undergoing substantial challenges on several fronts – Drought & Invasive Species among others. Just recently, working together the HDOA; CTAHR and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council have released the first of the Secusio moth designed to help combat the invasive Fireweed which has spread to an estimated 850,000 acres on the Big Island and Maui predominantly.

Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in biocontrol and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fireweed biocontrol.

4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501[c] [3] corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Wo	C.S.Wo & Sons, Ltd.	Support	No

Comments: As an owner and executive officer at CSWo & Sons, I am aware of the concerns of our 250+ employees who seek the best opportunities for their young children. Many have expressed a strong desire for preschool availability for their children. I have personally seen the benefits of preschool education from my own 3 children's experience. I strongly support HB200. Robert Wo, CSWo & Sons, Ltd.

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TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.  
Chair, Advocacy Committee  
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

HEARING: 9:00 am Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 200 HD 1 Relating to the State Budget

POSITION: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition requests restoration of the Governor's request of \$1.4 million to the Executive Office on Aging for continued development of the Aging and Disability Centers in all four counties in Hawaii, which was eliminated in HB 200 HB1.

RATIONALE:

The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, with a membership of more than 20 agencies gives voice in the political process to the issues affecting family caregivers.

The Aging and Disability Centers address the long-standing problems caused by the highly fragmented long-term care services in our state, which makes access to needed services very difficult for families. The Long-Term Commission established by Legislature noted this issue its 2012 recommendations and strongly support continued development of ADRC's as a needed step to overcome the problem.

The County of Maui has now achieved a fully functioning ADRC and the results are extremely positive. Because it is recognized as fully functioning the County of Maui has secured additional resources from the federal government from CMS from the Affordable Care Act and from Medicaid and qualifies for other grants.

The ADRC is a single-entry point for all families seeking assistance with disabling conditions and provides assessment of needs and connects disabled persons and family caregivers with appropriate services and resources. The comprehensive assessment tool, which is an evidence-based protocol, has been in use for over a year, and a comparative study of the patient outcomes with the prior to adoption shows significant reductions in death rates, falls, and clinical indicators regarding diabetes, blood pressure, and other important chronic disease conditions.

ADRC's are essential in restructuring our long-term care system to be more efficient and more effective. Hawaii should continue to invest in this transformation, which is in line with the policy directions of the federal government to restructure government though reducing duplication, adopting evidence-based practices and increasing patient-centered care.

We strongly urge you to restore these funds. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



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March 19, 2013

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Christina Cox, President  
KCAA Preschools of Hawaii

Subject: HB200 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

KCAA Preschools of Hawaii was established in 1895 by the Woman's Board of Missions to serve the children of immigrant workers. We serve over 900 children per year in 7 NAEYC accredited preschools on Oahu. More than 50% of our students are low-income and over 80% go on to attend DOE elementary schools. We manage tuition subsidies from 7 different sources, each with its own set of requirements. We have a \$7 million annual operating budget with 130 employees. KCAA has just completed the construction of a \$3.2 million professional development center for early educators, Hawaii's first! It is located on our Mother Rice property in Moiliili. The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Early Education and Development is funded exclusively by private businesses and Hawaii's dedicated philanthropic community. KCAA's Board was instrumental in this effort and is committed to working with the early childhood community to increase the number of qualified teachers, to improve their practice and to improve outcomes for Hawaii's *keiki*.

Please note that while I presently serve as the center-based program provider representative on the Early Learning Advisory Board and also serve as the Liaison for the Childcare Business Coalition of Hawaii which represents more than 60 centers throughout the State I am testifying today as the President of KCAA Preschools of Hawaii, a position that I have held for the past 12 years.

So much has changed during my 30 years working in the field of early education in Hawaii. It used to be that having teachers who genuinely enjoyed working with young children and who possessed a joy of learning, a natural curiosity about the world and were willing to share that with the children in their care, was enough. We now need to be sure that our teachers possess not only those important characteristics, but also the knowledge and skills required to help our children compete in the 21st Century.

We now know that 85% of a child's brain develops in the first few years of life and that there are critical experiences we should provide a young child with in order to optimize growth and development.



- Early experiences have a decisive impact on the actual architecture of the brain and on the nature and extent of adult capacities.
- By the time children from middle-income families are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade they know about 12,000 words compared to low income children who know just 4,000 words, one third as many as their peers. This gap begins in the early years and research has repeatedly confirmed that early education makes all the difference in school success.

**We respectfully request that adequate funds be included in this budget to support the establishment of a statewide school readiness program that will help to ensure that children from low-income families are afforded the same opportunities to access a quality early education program that our more fortunate families are able to provide their *keiki*.**

**As a member of the private sector, we look forward to working in partnership with the state to create a school readiness program that is operated in an economically viable manner, building on existing resources. We want to help ensure that Hawaii is eligible to access any federal funds that may become available, as matching funds for early education, from the Obama administration in the next few years.**

The time to act is now. We have a Governor who has made early childhood development and education a top priority, we have the support of both the philanthropic and business communities and we have seasoned legislators who possess a deep understanding of the issue and who are committed to working together with the broader community to create a better future for our youngest citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S De Luz Jr	Kukaiiau Ranch	Support	No

Comments: Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in biocontrol and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii (otherwise we wouldn't have the pest to begin with) and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fireweed biocontrol.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Greenwell	Palani Ranch Company	Support	No

Comments: IT is essential that the State continue to fund biocontrol and pest response program ( 9 positions under AGR122EC and 7 under AGR 122ED). Often biocontrol agents are the only economically feasible ways to mitigate our landscape from being overrun by invasives ( note current battle with fireweed and critical threat of Hamakua Pamakani in the 1970's). In fact, HAWAII SHOULD STRIVE TO BE A WORLD LEADER IN SUCH RESEARCH DUE TO OUR UNIQUE GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION, CRITICAL BALANCE OF ECOSYSTEMS, AND GOAL OF BECOMING MORE SELF SUFFICIENT IN FOOD PRODUCTION.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Support	No

Comments: Please provide funding for staff personnel in bio-control and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR 122EC and 7 positions under AGR 122ED). We also need funds for out of State travel expenses to find bio-controls.

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To: The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Way and Means

From: Laura Smith, President/CEO, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: March 18, 2013

Re: **Testimony in Support of HB 200 HD1 – Relating to the State Budget**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii. Our mission is to help people find and succeed in employment. With a Statewide footprint, and offices on Oahu, Maui, Hilo, Kona and Kauai, last year Goodwill served over 15,000 people, placing more than 1,500 into jobs in our community.

Goodwill is here to urge the members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to re-include funding for the Office of Community Services (OCS) Immigrant Service Centers; Part 2, Section 3, LBR 903. Goodwill has always stood in support for initiatives to move individuals in poverty towards self-sufficiency. The community resource center will serve as an important hub to guide individuals in need towards the resources and services to empower them to an independent life.

One of the important ways that the community resource will empower individuals in poverty is through financial literacy training. Recent immigrants and those in poverty are often at risk to predatory lending practices and identity theft creating barriers to self-sufficiency that are often difficult or impossible to dig out of. The financial literacy program will also provide training on building positive credit scores, savings, and assets.

As a state-wide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparation site for the past six years, Goodwill is well aware of the potential that financial literacy training has for the low-income individuals whose taxes we prepare. Informing low-income households of important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the first step towards helping struggling Hawaii families to lift themselves out of poverty. The financial literacy program could assist low-income families to free tax preparation sites such as Goodwill to avoid the high fees charged at other tax preparation sites. Financial literacy programs offered by OCS could also guide low-income families on how best to utilize the funds from their tax returns. From 2010 to 2012 Goodwill alone has prepared almost 2,500 returns, for free, bringing in over \$1.2 million in federal EITC dollars into the state.

Having a resource center designed to help direct immigrant and low-income families towards important services such as Goodwill's VITA sites can help make every dollar count. A small amount in financial literacy can reap back many times the initial investment by helping families move off of public assistance programs and into self-sufficiency. Goodwill strongly urges you to consider returning the funding for both a community resource center and financial literacy training to the budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.





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March 18, 2013

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Terrence R. George

RE: Testimony in **support** of HB 200

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express strong support of HB 200, with particular attention to four sections of the biennium budget. Those four sections relate directly to the three-part mission of the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation: to close the achievement and college-preparation gap statewide, to restore the health of nearshore marine resources statewide, and to strengthen the vibrancy of communities in Windward Oahu.

We ask that the Legislature (without taking away any other funds requested by the State Department of Education) fully appropriate the \$31,084,700 requested by Governor Abercrombie for early learning under **Program Appropriation G8, Program ID EDN700**. Though the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation primarily makes grants to support improvements in the K-12 education system, we have realized that *it will be impossible to close the achievement gap* without a dramatic increase in the number of children who are truly ready for kindergarten. We must provide access to high-quality school readiness programs for all four-year-olds if we are to put all our keiki on a path to succeed throughout their educational careers and life. Every dollar spent on preschool saves a minimum of \$4.20 in public services down the road because less spending will be needed on remedial education, law enforcement, welfare services, prisons, and other budget items.

We also ask for the full appropriation of the amounts requested for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) under **Program Appropriation D6, Program ID LNR405**. The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation has provided technical assistance and significant grant funding to improve DOCARE's professional standards, its nearshore enforcement capacity, and its ability to tap legal expertise in the drafting and analysis of regulations.

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However, DOCARE is severely underfunded and lacks sufficient capacity to protect Hawaii's precious natural resources from degradation without restoring funding to the agency that has been taken away over the years. The agency and the Department now have strong leadership and a clear strategy for improvement.

We also support appropriations to the Department of Land and Natural Resources that would advance its statewide watershed initiative under **Capital Improvement Project Item D6.00, Capital Project No. D01A**. With greater protection of our watersheds from the damage from feral ungulates and invasive species, more of our rainwater will be retained underground, less runoff will pollute and choke our coral reefs, and erosion will be reduced.

Finally, we support appropriations to Kahuku Hospital under **Capital Improvement Project Items E2.00 through E6.00**. Kahuku Hospital is now well run, but it badly needs these long-postponed improvements to its physical plant in order to continue to serve the Koolauloa community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

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TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211

Re: HB200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

FROM: Todd J. Robertson, President/CEO  
Hyperspective Studios, Inc.

Hyperspective Studios, Inc. has concerns regarding one section of HB200 HD1 relating to the State Budget, which relates to the Finance (FIN) Committee's recommendation to eliminate the New Media Position (Economic Development Specialist VI) from the Creative Industries Division of the State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT). This position was approved and passed by legislature in recognition of the need to support the growth opportunities in our visual effects, animation, interactive and trans-media sectors.

We request that you do not eliminate this much needed position which would be a statewide advocate for the industry sector that Hyperspective Studios is a part of. The EDSVI position in Creative Industries will initiate and develop programs to support multi-platform, creative content development for export, professional development opportunities, and conferences for the visual effects, animation, game, interactive and application development sectors of our new media industry. Without the Economic Development Specialist VI position, the support of our important and growing digital/new media industry in Hawaii will be greatly compromised. .

The digital new media industry promises to become a strong pillar of Hawaii's future economy. We request the Ways and Means committee, as well as the members of the Finance committee ensure that this position is not eliminated. The New Media position is essential for the Creative Industries Division of DBEDT to continue its work in collaboration with our industry to support programs and initiatives that further its growth.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Al Lardizabal	Hawaii Laborers' Union	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please restore the funding for the Hilo Pharmacy School. The prescription drug business and demand is a huge empire requiring many trained pharmacologists to dispense prescriptions. We need to offer this opportunity to our local students. Mahalo Al Lardizabal

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Date: March 18, 2013

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Brent Kakesako, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED)

Re: Strong Support for HB 200

Aloha Senator Ige, Senator Kidani, and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB 200, which restores \$1,750,000 to the Office of Community Services for new programs that concentrate on immigrant services.

HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development and asset building strategies. We advance our mission with core competencies in the areas of community and organizational capacity building, community and economic development planning, and asset policy development and advocacy. HACBED played a facilitating role in the State Asset Policy Task Force and was a key contributor to the State Asset Policy Road Map. HACBED also facilitates the Family & Individual Self-Sufficiency Program (FISSP), which administers the Internal Revenues Services' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program as a part of its larger asset building and financial education initiatives for needy families. As such, HACBED strongly supports the proposed bill that would provided needed services for immigrants and other financially disadvantaged communities.

The Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard (FESS) further depicts the obstacles that Hawai'i families are facing. The FESS measures the amount of money that individuals and families require to meet their basic needs without government and/or other subsidies and the data shows the following percentage of families who fall below the self-sufficiency standard statewide:

- 25.9% of families with two adults and two children;
- 77.3% of single-adult families with one child; and
- 74.3% of single-adult families with two children.

Such funding would provide access to information and services that would assist families in becoming more economically self-sufficient. HACBED's FISSP uses a network approach to administer the VITA Program with over fifty organizational partners as part of a larger asset building approach that embeds financial education in those services. Since 2006, HACBED has served 16,871 low to moderate income families, saved them \$2.7 million in filing fees, helped to claim \$23.7 million in refunds, and brought \$12.8 million in new federal funds to the State of Hawai'i through claiming the federal EITC and Child Tax Credit (CTC). Through our FISSP surveys, families have indicated that they have used the money to manage

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daily expenses, eliminate debt, open and maintain savings accounts, purchase a new home, cover education costs, and start a business. The passage of HB 200 would provide further support for financial literacy workshops and educations to increase awareness and application to the EITC, while informing them of their broader rights and responsibilities in avoiding predator lending situations, banking and credit unions, maintaining good credit, and avoiding identity theft.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent N. Kakesako". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brent N. Kakesako

Chief Operating Officer

Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development



PACIFIC GATEWAY CENTER

**LATE**

March 18, 2013

To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From:   
Dr. Tin Myaing Thein, Executive Director, Pacific Gateway Center

Good Morning Chair David Ige,

**Testimony for HB200 HD1, Administration Budget – Office of Community Services –  
LBR903**

Our organization, Pacific Gateway Center, requests that the Senate Ways and Means Committee restore the entire sum of \$1,750,000 that the Office of Community Services has requested for new programs that concentrate on immigrant services. The House Finance Committee deleted this funding in HD1 of HB200.

Pacific Gateway Center is a non-profit whose mission is to support immigrants, refugees (the majority of whom are victims of human trafficking, access opportunities through building of skills that lead to self-sufficiency. Pacific Gateway Center and the Office of Community Services are currently collaborating as members of the Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

- Please restore the administration's budget line for LBR903 of \$1,750,000 for new services for the Office of Community Services that focus on the needs of immigrants and other financially disadvantaged communities.
- These services are important ways to reduce hardships that newcomers to Hawaii suffer because of lack of background information and language and cultural barriers
- These services will help reduce the time that newcomers need in order to become productive and self-sufficient members of our communities

- These services were developed by OCS after many meetings with people in low-income and other disadvantaged communities throughout the State, and after careful and detailed analysis of what types of services would be most effective and efficient. Pacific Gateway Center has held a number of community meetings to raise awareness on human trafficking to which immigrant populations are most vulnerable and there was consensus that a centralized resource center is needed to give structure and organization to the number of service agencies that are available to assist the immigrant population.
- These services are investments in human capital, which is our most valuable resource
- Our immigrant communities continue to have adaptation issues such as lack of familiarity with cultural, social, and legal expectations in Hawai'i. Due to the language barrier, they are confused as to appropriate direction and guidance.
- Our client communities have insufficient access to information on how to “navigate the system” of public and non-profit services and resources that will assist them in becoming more economically self-sufficient and to contribute more to the communities where they live and to our Hawaii society as a whole.
- The Community Resource Centers will have acculturation training for immigrants to help them learn their rights and civic responsibilities as members of the larger Hawaii community – as parents of children in public education, as tenants in public and private housing, as consumers of health care services, as employees in the private sector, as owners and drivers of vehicles, avoiding criminal violations especially in domestic violence situations, and overall how to be a supportive member of a person’s residential and social communities.
- OCS wants to provide financial literacy workshops and education to low income families. This would cover people’s rights and responsibilities in avoiding predatory lending situations, banking and credit unions, maintaining good credit, avoiding identity theft, and awareness of and applying for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- With these services, OCS wants to improve health care literacy and improve access to health services by informing our client communities about how to maximize their access through the Affordable Care Act.



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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013**

**9:00 a.m.**

**State Capitol, Room 211**

**RE: H.B. 200, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee,

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** H.B. 200, H.D.1, relating to the State Budget, *with the inclusion* of a request by the DCCA for a ceiling increase for the Contractor Education Trust Fund ("CTEF") for the purpose of producing and airing a public service announcement to educate consumers of the risk of hiring unlicensed contractors.

The hiring of an unlicensed contractor results in millions of dollars in lost general excise tax revenue to the State because payment is almost always made in cash. Workers who are hired for cash wages are not provided mandated employee benefits, such as workers compensation and insurance. This is both a disservice to the State and to homeowners, who become extremely vulnerable in the event anything adverse occurs to a worker on their property during the project. Furthermore, legitimate businesses that comply with the legal cost of doing business are at a disadvantage because their costs are higher.

The \$40,000 requested by the DCCA for a public service announcement was included in the original version of H.B. 200, H.D.1. While we must be prudent in our current economic environment, we believe this appropriation would be money well-invested to adequately warn the general public about the consequences of hiring unlicensed contractors.

We respectfully request that this Committee **restore** the increase in the ceiling for the CTEF.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with your our views.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator David Ige, Chair

March 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

**HB 200 HD 1: Relating to the State Budget**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the appropriations in HB 200 HD 1, which funds numerous State programs. We would like to underscore the importance of the appropriations to the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS).

DOH has embraced its expansive mission of protecting and improving the health and environment for all people in Hawaii. Its programs are aimed at promoting health and well-being; preventing disease and injury; promoting healthy lifestyles and workplaces; promoting the strength and integrity of families and communities; preventing pollution, promoting and preserving a clean, healthy and natural environment; resource conservation; and protecting and enhancing air and water quality.

However, DOH has been constrained by reductions in staff in recent years due to budget reductions resulting from the recession and its aftermath. Although some of these positions have been subsequently funded, many more positions remain unfunded.

DHS is committed to providing timely, efficient and effective programs, services and benefits, for the purpose of empowering those who are the most vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life and personal dignity.

DHS is responsible for administering Hawaii's Medicaid program. DHS has requested additional funding to increase reimbursements to primary care physicians that are required under the federal Affordable Care Act. DHS has also requested funding increases to pay for increases in Medicaid enrollment due to an economy in which too many families are still struggling to make ends meet. It should be noted that State funding for Medicaid is matched by federal funds on a greater than 1:1 basis, so any increase in State Medicaid funding means more money flowing into Hawaii's economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 200 HD 1.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stella M.Q. Wong, Vice President of Programs

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **HB 200, HD1, Relating to the State Budget**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services for people in need in the State of Hawai'i since 1947. We ask for your support of the following:

**Department of Health – Developmental Disabilities Division (HTH501)**

Requesting to add the following amounts to the DOH/DDD **Home and Community Based Services Waiver** budget:

- FY 2014: \$1,183,384
- FY 2015: \$2,683,384

These amounts were part of the original Executive budget but removed in HD1.

These additional funds will ensure that services levels are maintained and eligible clients are not waitlisted indefinitely. This reduces the risk of the State of Hawai'i facing additional costly litigation due to failure to provide these mandated services for eligible individuals.

**Department of Health – Executive Office on Aging (HTH904)**

Support for the addition of the following amounts to the DOH/EOA **Kupuna Care** budget:

- FY 2014: \$4,200,000
- FY 2015: \$4,200,000

These additional funds are necessary due to an increasing aging population that requires supportive services to maintain safe, independent community living. In-home and community-based services are a low cost alternative to institutional care.



**Department of Labor & Industrial Relations – Office of Community Services (LBR903)**

Requesting to add the following amounts to the DLIR/OCS budget:

- FY 2014: \$1,750,000
- FY 2015: \$1,750,000

These amounts were part of the original Executive budget and removed in HD1.

These funds will be used to help immigrants and COFA migrants to navigate public and private sector services and resources to become economically self-sufficient, and to offer financial literacy education for low income families.

**Department of Human Services/Homeless Services Office (HMS224)**

Requesting to add the following amounts to the DHS/HPO budget for the Housing First Program:

- FY 2014: \$1,500,000
- FY 2015: \$1,500,000

These amounts were part of the original Executive budget but removed in HD1.

The Housing First Program is targeted to help get homeless individuals into permanent housing and provide the services they need to remain in housing, thus ensuring a permanent transition off the streets. These funds would enable Housing First to expand beyond urban Honolulu to other areas, including the Neighbor Islands.

If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-524-4673 or via email at [swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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**LATE**

The Senate  
State of Hawai'i

TO: Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2013

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 211  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

**RE: HOUSE BILL 200, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee,

My name is Wai'ale'ale Sarsona and I am the director of Kamehameha Schools' charter school support department, Ho'olako Like. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 200, HD1, relating to the State budget. Kamehameha Schools offers comments in support of funding provisions for charter schools included within the measure.

Kamehameha Schools supports promoting the achievement and success of Hawai'i's public school students and, as such, has been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe charter schools provide positive choices for education and ultimately enhance both achievement and engagement for students across Hawai'i.

Financial support for the charter school system is crucial in maintaining the services these schools provide. We ask that you help to provide our state's most innovative educators with the strong support and stable foundation they need continue their positive growth. We believe efforts to improve the public charter school system improve access to education and, ultimately, enhance education for all of Hawai'i's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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FROM: Kamehameha Schools

**RE: HOUSE BILL 200, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 200, HD1, relating to the State budget. Kamehameha Schools offers comments in support of funding provisions necessary for the establishment of school readiness initiatives and a statewide public-private system of early learning.

We have been committed to advancing early learning across the state and have served in a leadership role with the state's Early Learning Advisory Board which unequivocally supports a statewide public-private system of early learning. The state budget does not currently contain funding for the first and most essential step to addressing the immediate needs of Hawaii's children and their families, School Readiness. We urge you to include this funding in the budget.

Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian children through education. We serve K-12 students through campus programs on O'ahu, Hawai'i and Maui, and three-and-four-year-olds at preschool sites statewide. In 2004, the Early Childhood Education division also began serving keiki from birth to three years old, as part of its Hi'ilani Early Childhood Collaborative program. We also provide scholarships to keiki attending other preschools and provide funding for child-family interaction programs that have filled a great need in rural communities.

Since its inception more than 20 years ago, the Kamehameha Schools Early Childhood Education Division has provided more than 11,000 keiki with their first preschool experience. Early childhood education and parental support is the cornerstone of the Education Strategic Plan adopted in 2005, which seeks to foster long-term intergenerational change in the way Native Hawaiian families approach learning. Research demonstrates that early education is a key factor in lifelong success for all children, and we strongly urge the legislature to promote, enhance and support the efforts of the State of Hawai'i to appropriately address the needs of Hawaii's pre-kindergarten children.

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Anelalani Raposas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Yudis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have concerns regarding one section of HB200 HD1 relating to the State Budget, which relates to the Finance (FIN) Committee's recommendation to eliminate the New Media Position (Economic Development Specialist VI) from the Creative Industries Division of the State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT). This position was approved and passed by legislature in recognition of the need to support the growth opportunities in our visual effects, animation, interactive and trans-media sectors.

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Mark Thorne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in biocontrol and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii (otherwise we wouldn't have the pest to begin with) and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fireweed biocontrol.

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Michelle Galimba	Individual	Support	No

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March 12, 2013  
Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Senate Ways and Means (WAM)  
Conference Room 211  
In support of HB 200 HD1

To The Members of WAM:

My name is Phyllis Ida and I am a retired DOE Special Educator, and the former 619 Coordinator for the Windward District. I also over see the grant administration for the Windward District P-3 Demonstration Project that focuses on keiki reading on grade level by third grade, providing model program of seamless early learning experiences from early childhood programs through elementary school for young children in the Windward District.

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of HB 200 HD1 to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

We have a plethora of research that demonstrates the benefit quality early learning experiences have on young children, including:

- A high financial return on early learning investment. According to the Good Beginnings Alliance, for every \$1 invested in quality early learning programs, Hawai'i receives an approximate \$4 investment. This return on investment includes, but is not limited to, higher retention rates; lower teen pregnancy/parent rates; higher college entrance numbers; and less money spent on incarceration. In today's economy no bank, savings and loan or high interest bearing CD will provide that kind of return on investment. Investing in young children up front is a sound investment in Hawai'i's future.
- Higher retention and graduation rates
- Lower teen pregnancy/parent rates

According to the public will campaign, Be My Voice Hawaii, the State currently invest more money prison system than it does on early learning.

If we want Hawai'i to be the Aloha State, we need to show Aloha to our keiki by investing in their education and supporting components (i.e., screening, early intervention, etc.) upfront. By doing so, we invest in future of Hawai'i.

The time to invest in our keiki is now. Hawai'i cannot wait any longer. The Aloha State deserves better. Our keiki deserve better.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 200 HD1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As manager of Kaupo Ranch Ltd. on the island of Maui I have witness the take over of fire weed which now covers hundreds of acres of once productive grazing pastures. We have spent thousands of dollars in chemicals and time in trying to get control to no success. I feel that bio-control is the only chance we have to try and get control of a very serious problem which has the potential to destroy the cattle industry in Hawaii. Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in bio-control and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii (otherwise we wouldn't have the pest to begin with) and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fire-weed bio-control.

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Roma Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support urgent passage of bill to help hawaii legislation in balancing buudget

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**March 18, 2013**

**Testimony on HB200 Relating to the State Budget  
Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 9am Room 211, State Capitol**

**Testimony submitted by: Anna Peters**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Anna Peters and I am an employee with Good Beginnings Alliance.

**I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

My role as a Good Beginnings Coordinator provides me with many opportunities to reach out to families and organizations on the island of Kauai. I have partnered on many levels in working with Child & Family Services and being a resource for those families in guiding them to services at Nana's House in Waimea such as parenting classes, counseling services, and a PreKindergarten Summer session that is held on the westside. I've worked with the staff at Hale Ho'omalua on the eastside in assisting to provide family events such as the Family Summit, trainings and workshops for parents on literacy such as Motherread, and their food and clothing closet.

It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services.

**Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB200**

Mahalo,

Anna Peters  
Good Beginnings Alliance  
Kauai Island Coordinator



*"Health care that is safe, health care that works, and health care that leaves no one behind"*

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
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DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
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415 South Beretania Street

**Boyd Murayama**  
**Medical Group Practice Director**  
**Hilo Medical Center**

**HB 200, HD1** - Relating to the State Budget Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of **HB200 HD1**, which appropriates \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Students from the College of Pharmacy are part of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. This dynamic program follows closely to the national "Patient Centered Medical Home" model, as it creates a Team approach with primary care providers. In addition, the UHH School of Pharmacy is also:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to support **HB 200 HD1**.

Respectfully submitted by: Boyd Murayama, Medical Group Practice Director, Hilo Medical Center  
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Jason Small	Individual	Support	No

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March 19, 2013

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair;  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair; and  
Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Teresa Vast, Early Childhood Policy Consultant

SUBJECT: Testimony on *H.B. 200, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget- EDN700 and GOV100* (Funds for the Proposed School Readiness Program and the Executive Office on Early Learning) and *HMS305* (Cash Support for Child Care)

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

The purpose of my testimony today is to support the Executive Budget request in three critical areas:

1. Implementation of the proposed School Readiness Program of the early learning system (as outlined in S.B. 1093, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 and in EDN700 in the Executive Budget);
2. Essential functions of the Executive Office on Early Learning (GOV100 in the Executive Budget); and
3. Improvements to the copayment structure of child care subsidies, including Preschool Open Doors.

Your Committee on Ways and Means previously passed three bills relating to early learning:

- S.B. 1084, S.D. 1, *Proposing An Amendment to Article X, Section 1 of The Hawaii State Constitution To Permit The Appropriation Of Public Funds For Private Early Childhood Education Programs*
- S.B. 1093 S.D. 2, *Relating to School Readiness*
- S.B. 1095 S.D. 2, *Relating to Early Childhood Education*

Testimony received by your Committee on these bills, from a diverse array of business and community groups as well as individuals and families, was overwhelmingly in favor of their passage. Likewise, testimony was strongly supportive of the earlier drafts of these measures in the Senate Committees on Education, Judiciary and Labor, and Human Services. Further, the companion bills to these Senate measures in the House of Representatives were passed by its Committees on Education and Judiciary after receiving wide and enthusiastic support from numerous quarters.

Despite the clear public backing of these three measures to implement the proposed school readiness and early learning programs, the House Finance Committee, in H.B. 200, H.D. 1, has eliminated funds from the Executive Budget that were designated to implement the school readiness program and to support the operations of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). This well-meaning attempt on the part of the House Finance Committee to reduce overall state spending is extremely short-sighted, however.

The funds requested for EOEL and the early learning program are an investment in Hawaii's future. Funds for Preschool Open Doors and other child care subsidies also have potential to improve the lives of children, families, and long-term outcomes. High-quality early learning programs for our keiki will result not only in better human and social outcomes for our communities, but also will lead to reduction in expenditures on special education, corrections, social services, and the like. Investment requires vision. I ask you today to have the courage to make a commitment and an investment that, according to research, makes the most economic sense in the long run: invest in our young children. Help our keiki succeed – and it will strengthen Hawaii and produce savings over time.

The proposed school readiness program is a critical step in the development of Hawaii’s early learning system. It provides access to early learning opportunities to keiki in the year prior to kindergarten, starting with those who will be affected by the change in kindergarten eligibility in 2014. Without these funds, approximately 3,500 children may be left without access to a preschool program when the Department of Education’s junior kindergarten is discontinued in 2014.

The requested funds for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to restructure the copayment schedule for its child care subsidies will help to curtail the damage done by the previous Administration when it imposed the current copayment schedule, which is seriously flawed. The purpose of the assistance is to allow families to work and make a living and to ensure their children are safe, healthy, and learning. Briefly, this is the problem:

The current policy imposes copayments that are as much as 20 to 50 percent of families’ gross income. Nationally, the average paid by families for child care is 7 percent of income. This Draconian copayment schedule has had the effect of keeping children out of preschools and even closing classrooms, decreasing capacity in early learning programs. DHS recognizes the need to restructure the copayment sliding scale and needs additional funds to make the transition to a new policy. Currently, the DHS method exceeds widely accepted measures and standards of affordability by requiring families to pay a percentage of the rate for each child in care, rather than limiting the copayment to a reasonable percentage of income. Since licensed early learning programs generally charge more than relatives or unlicensed programs, it takes a larger chunk of a family’s limited income when they choose a licensed program. The current approach thus creates a disincentive to choose a licensed early learning program and is counter productive to the Governor’s and EOEL efforts to ensure children have access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

Please restore to the State budget the original amounts requested by the Governor in the Executive Budget:

EDN700	FY14	FY15
90-001: Capacity-building and quality assurance	\$2.9M	\$ 5.3M
91-001: Early learning program (contracts for direct services)	-	\$22.9M
GOV100: EOEL personnel and early learning system operations	\$648,300	\$681,300
HMS305: Cash support for child care (subsidies)	\$4M	\$4M

With this funding and support for EOEL and its programs, Hawaii will finally be able to join the majority of other states that have already implemented prekindergarten programs and are reaping the benefits. Moreover, your investment in a state-funded early learning program will help Hawaii qualify for federal funds to expand and strengthen our efforts. Additionally, the funding to restructure DHS’ copayment schedule for child care subsidies is critical to providing preschool opportunities to low-income children.

I submit this testimony as an independent early childhood policy consultant with a background in early childhood system development and finance, with particular expertise in developing copayment schedules and sliding scales based on research into the cost of living and families’ ability to pay for early childhood services. If you should need additional information or clarification of my testimony, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on these critical issues.



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Ways and Means Committee Hearing

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**

**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Dr. Aaron Jacobs and I am a Faculty Member and Cancer Researcher at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). As you may suspect, I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds for the proposed UHH-COP building. One undesirable consequence of not funding the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). **The loss of accreditation would almost certainly ensure the demise of the program.**

The UHH-COP needs the support of our State because its benefits are numerous.

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- **Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.**  
*About myself and my personal vision:* I earned my doctoral degree in the laboratory of a Nobel laureate, have since published extensively on new and unique approaches for cancer therapy. I would prefer to continue my work here in Hawaii and would deeply regret having to leave something so promising as unfinished. One of my greatest joys is in training our local students in my laboratory, and fostering their innovative spirits. **Hawaii's youth has much potential but few opportunities.** I challenge our State representation to think with vision, and with the goal of investing in ourselves. To help continue building towards something that will not simply keep our young talent here, but provide them with the resources to excel and make their own world-class contributions.
- **Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.**
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-217-7800.

Sincerely,



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## Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
MARCH 19, 2013 9:00 a.m. Room 211

HB 200 HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Re: Funding for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture FY 13-15; Bio-Controls  
& Pest Control efforts HB 200 HD 1

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

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

As you may have heard from recent press releases, a moth has recently been released on the Big Island and Maui to fight a noxious weed we have been fighting in Hawaii for over 15 years, commonly known as Fireweed.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Here is a picture of fireweed at Parker Ranch:



The yellow you see is fireweed, making this pasture noxious (deadly) to cattle.

- Current estimated range of impact; over 850,000 acres of the States total 4,000,000 (unpublished)
  - o Reduces forage production – high infection areas by as much as 40%
  - o Theoretically it is like have over 300,000 removed from grazing
- Future estimate – infest 1,500,000 more acres in the next 10 years

After years of research by HDOA and approvals by HDOA and USDA, we have begun the release of a moth that will help control the fireweed. This one bio-control is not the silver bullet though, and more bio-control insects are needed.

In addition to fireweed, there are many other invasive pests that HDOA is working on.

The effort to provide this bio-control for Fireweed took so long, in part, due to budget cuts in recent years. After years of testing in the lab, the colony of moths now being released was allowed to die due to budget cuts, and had to be re-established with HDOA personnel having to travel back to Madagascar to secure more moths. We have seen in the past that cutting these bio-control budget requests costs the State, our industries and our environment much more in the long run.

Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in biocontrol and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii (otherwise we wouldn't have the pest to begin with) and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fireweed biocontrol.

Please provide the funding they have requested to fight these threats to Hawaii agriculture and our Hawaii eco-systems.

To the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Alan Huang and I am a third year Pharmacy student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of pharmacy. I strongly urge you to support the funding of a new pharmacy building. A permanent building is required to receive ACPE accreditation, and not having the funds for the building would greatly put the future of our college at risk; and jeopardize everything the college has worked to accomplish.

The College of Pharmacy has grown in leaps and bounds the last few years. Just a few years ago, the College of Pharmacy lacked any pharmacy building, and we did not have many of the facilities and tools needed to have a fully functioning pharmacy school. Our research facilities, classrooms, and faculty offices were all distributed far and wide. We did not have a library or study area that was open late. If you take a look at the maps below, you will have an idea of how spread out the facilities were. If a student was to attend class, then go to office hours for assistance, then do research, then study at the library, his commute time would be nearly an hour long. We were in need of assistance and were fortunate enough to receive several modular buildings. The modular buildings were a step forward. They helped to bring a few staff offices closer to campus and provided a few study areas that were available even after the library at main campus closed. The modular buildings have allowed us to hold classes, seminars, and meetings. With the limited resources, the College was able to start a Ph. D program. The College was able to do a lot with a few resources, but it pales in comparison to what can be accomplished with a permanent building and is still a long ways off from being able to compete with pharmacy schools on the main land.

The College of Pharmacy has always been an advocate of contributing back to the community. Each year, the College puts together Health Fairs on campus, at the astronomy center, and even as far as Miloli'i on the other side of the island. We have helped to raise public awareness on healthy living and educate the public on drug safety. We have warned people on the dangers of prescription and illicit drugs, and have done take-back programs to get expired medication out of homes and out of the reach of children. We provide free blood pressure monitoring and blood glucose checks to people in our community, services that could cost hundreds if performed by doctors. We are also very active in events such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life an American Heart Association's Hilo Heart Walk and have raised thousands of dollars each year for these charitable causes. However, the College does not only give to the community, it also brings in talent. The College has hosted many speakers with a wide array of medical expertise.

The College of Pharmacy has a large economic impact on the Hilo community. We have over 400 staff, faculty, and students; many of whom are from Oahu and the mainland. This means that we must pay for housing, cars, licenses, food, travel, supplies, and more. I would like to believe that we are a big contributing factor to the new businesses in town including Yogurtland, Target, and United Airway; all of which are frequented by members of the College. Many of our students also hold pharmacy positions, meaning they pay taxes and contribute to the GDP.

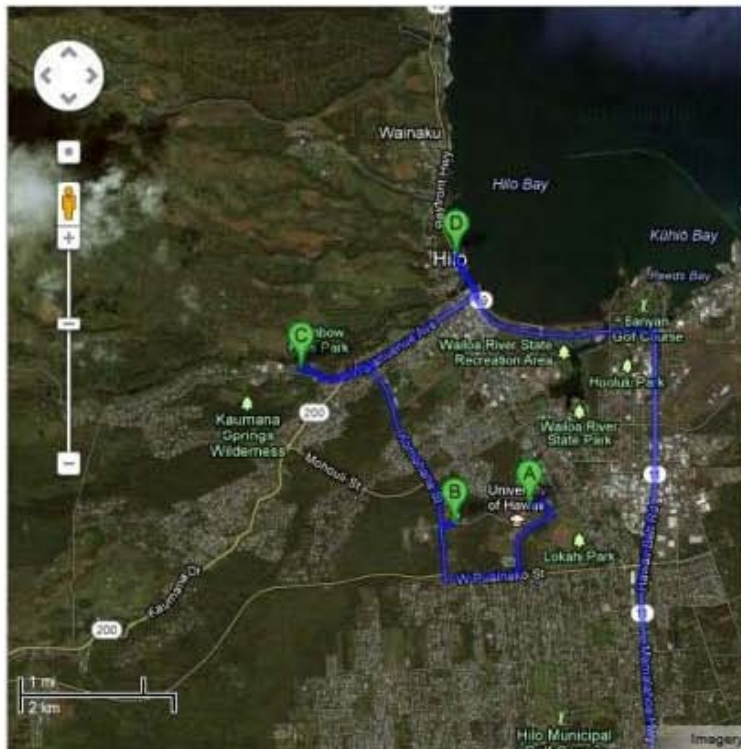
Now imagine if the College of Pharmacy was allowed to fail. What a shame it would be for it to go down, not because we are a poor school, but just because we did not have the bricks and



mortar needed to remain accredited. Hawai'i would lose out on 400 doctorate candidates. Hawai'i would lose out on the thousands of dollars raised for charities. Hawai'i would lose the thousands of hours that the College gives back to the community each year and the millions of dollars the College generates for Hawai'i's economy. If the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy was to fail, it would be the second college in the state of Hawaii to fail. You will have sent the best and brightest sons and daughters of Hawaii away, because then only there could they get a good education. It would be a disgrace to the late Senator Inouye and will cast a shadow on all future programs for decades to come. I came to UH Hilo because I believed in the program that Dean Pezzuto and his faculty were trying to build. I was drawn in by how the school would offer a comprehensive education, and incorporated the use of natural medicines into its curriculum, something that very few schools offer. I was enchanted by the chance to visit Hawai'i's natural beauty and wonder, to learn of its people and its history as the crossroad of the Pacific. I know I am not alone when I marvel at the chance to be at UH Hilo, and I know I will not be the last. I wish to leave behind a permanent building, to be the gem of the Big Island, so that people from all around the Pacific Basin and all around the world will be drawn to it. I wish to leave behind a legacy and a place that those who follow after me can call their Alma Mater, their Ohana, their Aina. So please join me in this endeavor to create a legacy for the future of Hawaii.

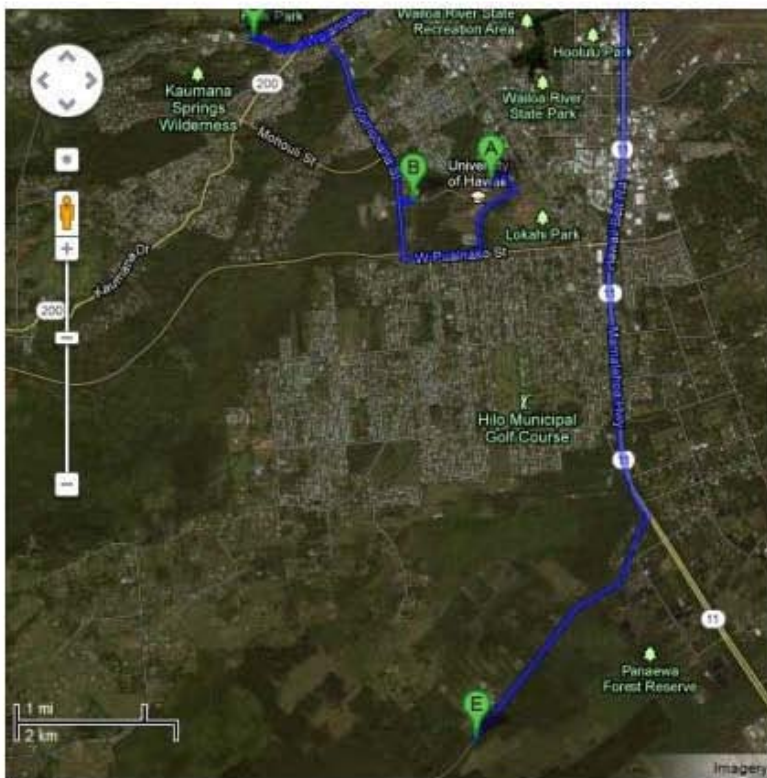
Mahalo,

Alan Hai Liang Huang  
Student Pharmacist  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Class of 2014



Locations of Buildings utilized by the College of Pharmacy

- A: University School Library
- B: Modular Building
- C: Pharmacy Offices – Rainbow Dr
- D: Pharmacy Offices – Hawaii Belt Rd
- E: Research Facility



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**Ways and Means Committee Hearing**

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**

**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Alan Subica. I was born and raised on the Island of Hawaii and am a lifelong State resident. I strongly support an appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds in your Senate budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building. The devastating consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State.

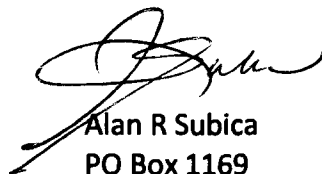
Your support for this project benefits the entire state because it:

- Provides the only doctorate in Pharmacy degree in the Pacific Basin.
- Conducts cutting-edge research, including cancer research. **My wife has undergone intensive breast cancer treatment during the past year.**
- Is considered "shovel ready" and allows construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

I humbly request your favorable consideration for this project, so critical to the State's continued efforts to provide essential quality health care to our ever-increasing and aging State population.

If you have any questions for me, I may be contacted at 808-895-3007.

Sincerely,



Alan R Subica

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Kurtistown, Hawaii 96760

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My name is Albert Lee and I am a UHH CoP Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It is a program that attracts top-notch students from all over the U.S. and internationally, it even drew me over from California. It will allow intelligent and passionate individuals expand on their knowledge and skills to better serve the community as Pharmacists. The pharmacy program helps give back to the community through volunteer projects such as health fairs and flu clinics. Besides just helping the ever growing population with their health needs, it also is estimated to supply \$50 million in economic growth for Hawaii. This building has also been approved by the UH Board of Regents which shows that it is supported and thus; can constructed fairly quickly once funding is secured. The UHH-COP also conducts state of the art research on diseases, such as cancer, that can potentially help communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (714)757-9787.

Sincerely,



Albert L. Lee  
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March 17, 2013

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**From: Alexa Ichiki (5 years old)**

Former student of Queen Emma Preschool-Lehua class  
Kindergarten student at Nuuanu Elementary School-B-2(Teacher: Ms. Low) and  
Wayna Buch; **Grandparent**

**Re: HB200 Request funding School Readiness Program**

Honorable Chairs & Committee Members:

We write **in support of HB200**, and strongly encourage you to include funding for School Readiness programs in Hawaii. By investing now in early learning programs, Hawaii will see long term benefits.

Funding early education and care sets a foundation of learning that builds throughout the years. Evidence of this is well stated in the following words of my five year old granddaughter who is beside me doing her homework. When she asked me what was I writing I explained that I was writing testimony to help children go to preschool. She wanted to add her words about her preschool and current kindergarten experience. It says it all!

***My name is Alexa Ichiki. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten at Nuuanu Elementary School. I was in Queen Emma Preschool and made new friends. At first everyone teased me and in the end everyone liked me. Now, in kindergarten I have lots of friends and no one teases me and I don't feel afraid anymore.***

***[In preschool] I worked hard learning to color in the lines and write and cut paper. I liked drawing learning to read and tell stories. I liked playing with my friends and teachers.***

***Preschool was fun because I learned about school, how to read and try to sound out words and write my first and last name. I did not know what my two names looked like. I did not know how to say the "ch" in my last name and how it looked like. Now I know my last name, Ichiki, has a "ch" sound [she sounds it out]. My teacher helped me learn what it supposed to look and sound like. In kindergarten I am learning lots more words, blends, spelling and webs and writing. Math is my favorite.***

***When I grow up I want to be a pilot or maybe the first woman President from Hawaii.***

***Alexa Ichiki***

brackets [inserted] by grandmother

With this testimony you can see why, as an grandparent, I believe that the passage of HB200 will:

- **Ensure the health, wellbeing and success of children**
- **Provide equity in accessing quality early learning programs**
- **Reading the state to in position to take advantage of President Obama and Senator Hirono's early learning dollars to ensure that Hawaii does not leave their young children behind.**

We urge you to support HB200 Request funding School Readiness Program

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Alexa Puamana Ichiki

Wayna Buch

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**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye**  
**College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Amanda Wendel, and I am writing to you today in support of funding for the permanent building home for the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am currently finishing my third year in the program, a member of the class of 2014, what could be the first class to graduate with an unaccredited degree.

To renew our accreditation, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) will be looking for the start of our permanent home on campus. Losing our accreditation would not only harm us, the students, but the University of Hawaii system as a whole, and the entire state.

Recently our program was ranked for the first time by the *US World and News Report*, based solely on our first graduating class last year. We were ranked in the top five new programs in the country, and 75th out of 135 colleges of pharmacy. Our continuing upward climb can only be done with your help.

Our college does so much, not only for the city of Hilo, but the entire Big Island, the State, the Pacific basin, and now even internationally with a clinical rotation site in Thailand. We have run food and clothing drives, participated in local events, and serve patients every day in clinics, stores, and hospitals across the state, not just Hilo.

I have made Hawaii my home, working here outside of school, voting here, and paying income taxes here. I have spent the past 10+ years working towards becoming a pharmacist and chose to come to the University of Hawaii because of the unique curriculum and excellent faculty. I plan to remain in Hawaii after graduation to continue to serve the communities and state that has welcomed me. Please help me, my classmates, and future pharmacy students realize our dreams of becoming pharmacists by assuring us a permanent home for the College of Pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Amanda Wendel  
Student Pharmacist  
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Class of 2014  
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My name is Amber Goodloe and I am a Hilo resident and student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is a huge benefit to the underserved community on the Big Island to preventative care, and most importantly health screenings for a population that is at risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Supporting the funding for this building is also a huge part of my future and contribution to health care. My dream and aspirations of becoming part of the health care system and helping those in need is very important to my family and me. I am one of the first generation to go for a doctorate degree and one of the first in my family to go to pharmacy school and become a pharmacist. The island of Oahu has been given many opportunities to build a medical school, law school, nursing school, and many other graduate programs for Hawaii. I am grateful to see Hawaii expand, and I am hoping that you consider the rural areas of the Big Island and realize that our island needs the pharmacy program to help this island develop and grow with the economy, expand its education to encourage more natives to be involved, and to help the current health care issues of heart disease and diabetes. Please take the time to consider funding our building, including the reasons listed below.

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (808) 927-9112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Goodloe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Amber Goodloe  
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Keaau, HI 96749

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My name is \_\_\_Amy Anderson\_\_\_ and I am a \_\_\_UHH COP student\_\_\_. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

*Amy Anderson*

Amy Danielle Anderson

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My name is *ANDERSON HEE* and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. Sometimes it is less embarrassing to describe local folklore on treatments to pharmacists with roots in Hawaii. Pharmacists can then use their professional knowledge to assess whether herbs and alternative "medicines" interact negatively with the prescribed prescriptions.


It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In the area of research, UHH COP conducts cutting-edge research that is being conducted including research on cancer.

The College has been successful in getting research funding such as the Beacon Community Grant (\$16.2 million) and the "Pharm2Pharm" Grant (\$14.3 million) that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across in the Pacific region.

The leaders in Hawaii have recognized the importance of a permanent physical home for UHH - COP. The building project is ready to be built according to the UH Board of Regents as soon as funding is secured. The building for UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone

Sincerely,

*Anderson Hee*  


*3/18/13*

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My name is André Bachmann, Ph.D. and I am a tenured Associate Professor and the Department Head of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-CoP). Before I was recruited to UH Hilo in 2010, I worked at UH Manoa for 16 years at the Pacific Biosciences Research Center (PBRC) and received tenure at UH Cancer Center (UHCC) in Honolulu. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the College of Pharmacy building. Not only is the loss of our accreditation at risk which would be detrimental for our talented pharmacy students but we are at risk of losing our top scientists and faculty pool because they are no longer willing and simply cannot continue to jeopardize their careers and conduct their cutting-edge research in dilapidated facilities. In addition at risk is our investment in state-of-the-art research equipment due to increasing physical damages from leaky roofs, dripping air conditioners, and most devastatingly, equipment corrosion in inappropriately ventilated and poorly air-conditioned laboratories. We simply cannot go on in such outdated, moldy, and corroded buildings without eventually losing all our expensive research tools. Our talented faculty members receive competitive research dollars from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and publish their research in world-class journals like *Nature* and *Science*, but without the approval of a new building, they will not be able to maintain the same rigor for much longer and I predict that many will look for alternative job opportunities outside of Hawaii. Furthermore, pharmacy students from Hawaii and from out-of-state, currently generating an impressive \$10.5 million in tuition per year, will no longer want to come to UH Hilo.

During my time at UH Manoa from 1995-2010 I worked in various buildings, for example, the Bekesy laboratories, Biomed Tower, Bilger Hall, Snyder Hall, and Gilmore Hall and I know that there are facilities in need of maintenance and repair. However, nothing compares to the poor conditions in our Waiakea Research facilities, which houses over 10 College of Pharmacy research laboratories (pictures attached).

Therefore, please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-CoP building as it is pivotal to the students, faculty, and importantly, to Hawaii's future health care. If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 933-2807.

Sincerely,



André S. Bachmann, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor and Department Head  
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawaii at Hilo, and  
Adjunct Associate Professor  
Department of Cell and Molecular Biology  
John A. Burns School of Medicine  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Images of Waiakea Research Facility, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
(March 11, 2013)

Picture 1

**Main entrance to Waiakea laboratories is currently closed with “Do not enter” signs and tape due to falling of rusted roof parts**



Picture 2

**Internet cable connecting  
two laboratory buildings**



Picture 3

**One of many corroded AC units**



Picture 4

## Corroded storage unit





Picture 5

**Examples of expensive research equipment operated  
in dilapidated Waiakea facilities**



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As Director of Research & Science Information Outreach at the Center for Magnesium Education & Research, I have watched the College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo grow over the past few years into a viable, budding research/teaching institution of top notch quality. I've watched the meticulous gathering of a fine and diverse faculty, capable of world-class teaching and research. I've seen an enthusiastic, highly able faculty take on nothing less than heroic workloads to literally "push" this institution into being.

They have succeeded beyond all measure, and have only the need of a central, physical location to fulfill this budding potential. I have visited faculty with offices at one end of Hilo, not even near the UH campus, and their teaching laboratories miles away at the other end of Hilo. I believe the accreditation committee was correct in stating that all this College of Pharmacy needs to fulfill its potential is a physical location.

Thus, I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Not providing funding for this building means the demise of this new, fine institution and brings to naught all this good, hard work I've seen. To provide this funding means this budding College of Pharmacy can fully bloom into the international, world-class institution it is ready to be.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-965-7061.

Sincerely,

Andrea Rosanoff, Ph.D.

Director of Research & Science Information Outreach

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My name is Andrew Hayashi and I am a UHH-COP student pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is responsible for bringing in about \$50 million a year for the state and is very beneficial to Hawaii's communities. It is the only pharmacy school in the whole state, allowing some of Hawaii's brightest students to stay in state, and bringing students in from out of state. This allows the people of Hawaii to benefit from receiving health care from top-notch pharmacists. The school also participates in many volunteer programs to benefit the community such as flu clinics, health fairs, etc. The school itself has world-class professors and curriculum, which has been proven by the fact that UHH CoP has gained national accreditation in such a short period of time. If this building is not funded we risk losing accreditation, and all these benefits for the people of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 714.350.7917.

Sincerely,



Andrew Hayashi  
601 Laukapu Street, Hilo, HI 96720

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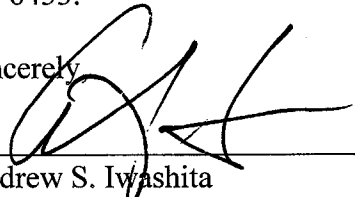
My name is Andrew Iwashita and I am a life long resident of Hilo, a graduate of Hilo High School, University of Hawaii, and Rutgers School of Law. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The best thing government can do is to provide an excellent educational infrastructure that is necessary to a healthy and vibrant economy. The UHH-COP has proven to be an excellent educational institution. It is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 345-6433.

Sincerely



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Andrew S. Iwashita  
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My name is Andrew Reinhart and I am a third-year pharmacy student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy needs your support because its benefits are numerous. It is perfectly placed to lead research efforts into new drug therapies for chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease, as well as other diseases. With a permanent building, the College of Pharmacy's efforts to lead in the field of drug discovery can proceed with even greater vigor. It is this promise that helped attract me to the College of Pharmacy after taking my graduate degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The benefits extend into practice of medicine as well, and in support of that, the College of Pharmacy has already procured research funding including the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and the \$14.2 million "Pharm2Pharm" grant. These grants will help to reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and Pacific region. Additionally, as the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a Doctorate in Pharmacy, the University of Hawaii is perfectly placed to reach out to locations along the Pacific Rim, and improve health care in Hawaii and beyond.

The estimates of economic advantages to Hawaii's economy – approximately \$50 million annually – far exceed the requested contribution from the state. Construction could be started soon, as the building is considered "shovel ready" by the Board of Regents.

Our building already has the support of current officials, including Governor Abercrombie, who made our building the only CIP initiative included in his executive budget proposal to the legislature for the upcoming fiscal year.

With your support, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy can only succeed. Without your support, our future could be in jeopardy.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (314) 724-2439, or at the email address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Reinhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a stylized "R".

Andrew J. Reinhart, MS  
Student Pharmacist, c/o 2014  
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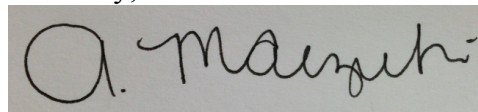
My name is Anissa Marzuki and I am a student at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is so important that school receive funding for a permanent building in Hilo because the community receives vital health care and information through our numerous health fairs and outreach programs, such as the Pacific Islander Mobile Screening Clinic. Additionally, the professional student organization at the college make serving the underserved communities in the most far reaching areas of the Big Island, such as Miloli'i. Additionally, the Daniel K. Inouye College of pharmacy is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 301-920-4340.

Sincerely,



Anissa Marzuki  
76A Akala Road  
Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Anita M. Sasaki and I am a pharmacist. I apologize for submitting this so late, but please accept my testimony as valid.

I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. I am sure you are aware of many of the reasons so many pharmacy professional in Hawaii believe this College of Pharmacy is needed. On a more personal note, I have a son currently enrolled in this college. He has wanted to be a pharmacist since he was in junior high school and has made it a goal for his life career. He has thoroughly enjoyed the College in Hilo and academically has done very well. So often we hear of the "brain-drain" from Hawaii. This is one giant step forward which the state has taken to prevent this drain and to add an economic boom to the Hilo area. With this funding and the continuation of the College of Pharmacy, I feel more educational programs will be interested and willing to invest their programs in UHH and the area.

I cannot tell you how many "service" projects and community out-reach programs the students (not to mention the faculty) have participated in. My son and numerous other pharmacy students just spent one full day this past week-end doing health and medication out-reach in the community of Milolii, I know of a projects planned for the Waianae and Waimanalo areas. This is all on the student's nickel, because they care and know they have something to offer which has never been offered before.

The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-236-8350 (days).

I care and thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,



Anita M. Sasaki  
94-245 Kikiula Loop  
Mililani, HI 96789



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My name is Ann Earles and I am a healthcare professional here on Hawaii Island and the mother of a P1 at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii, and could be devastating to my daughter's future.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii, beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population and claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. As a "Baby Boomer" I am very aware of the challenges facing out providers now and in the near future.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-883-3919.

Sincerely,



Ann Earles  
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Waikoloa, HI 96738

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My name is Ann Txakeeyang and I am a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As the only pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin it is essential to provide a proper learning environment for future health care providers. The program has greatly served the community in several ways. I am one the leading members of the Pacific Island Mobile Clinic (PIMSC) and we have reached out to over 300 people in the community. I feel that by having a permanent home for the college we can open more doors to provide access to health care for the underserved communities here in Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (612) 598-1893.

Sincerely,



Ann Txakeeyang  
1370 Ulualni Street Apt C609  
Hilo, HI 96720

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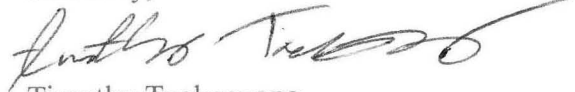
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My name is Timothy Txakeeyang and I am the spouse of Ann Txakeeyang, a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. My wife and I moved here from the mainland 3 years ago in order for her to pursue her career in pharmacy. She was eager to attend pharmacy school here because she saw an opportunity to not only better our future but to also make a difference in the peoples' lives. As the spouse of a pharmacy student, I see firsthand the impact the school has made in the community from offering health fairs throughout the island to educating elementary students about the use of tobacco. Their dedication and ambition to serve the community is phenomenal.

I am a proud to say that I am a husband of a pharmacy student attending University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I would be even prouder if the school had a place they can call home. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (612) 229-6547.

Sincerely,



Timothy Txakeeyang  
1370 Ulualni Street Apt C609  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** [Anthony Lenzer](#)  
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**Subject:** HB 200  
**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 5:26:17 PM

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Chair Ige and Committee Members:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA); Vice President of Kokua Council; Coordinator, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition(HFCC); and a Member, Board of Directors, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS). I am testifying today on behalf of PABEA, which advises the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My statement expresses only the position of PABEA, and not necessarily that of any other organization.

The House budget bill contains a number of items that are of high priority to the policy advisory board for elder affairs. However, I wish to call your attention to only one such item, namely an appropriation for the Kupuna Care program of the executive office on aging. This program assists frail older adults who have economic need but are not Medicare eligible to lead more independent and dignified lives by providing a range of home and community-based support services. Funds are used to provide such services as personal care, homemaker, chore, home delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation and attendant care. Kupuna Care funds are allocated to the counties, which in turn contract with service providers in their respective geographic areas. During fiscal year 2012, on a statewide basis, the largest expenditures were for personal care, case management, and home delivered meals.

PABEA requests that the base budget for the executive office on aging include \$9 million for this program for each of the two years of the biennium. In the current year, the base budget for the program was \$4.8 million, supplemented by \$4.2 million in additional funding. We strongly urge that the total sum be included in order to allow the executive office on aging and the counties to develop a stable financial base for the program. \$9 million by no means will meet all of the needs that this program addresses. However, having this amount in the base budget makes an important statement with regard to the State's commitment to meeting the needs of Hawaii's oldest and frailest citizens.

We strongly urge your support for this provision and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Anthony Lenzer, PhD, Chair, Legislative Committee  
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs  
222 Kuukama St.  
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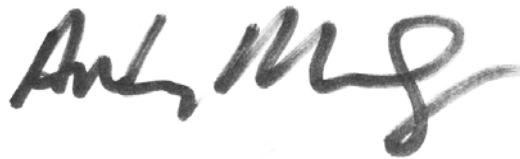
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My name is Anthony Ortiz and I am a Hilo blue-collared worker and the husband of an aspiring scientist at the UHH-COP. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)557-8116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony M. Ortiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anthony M. Ortiz  
226 Alawaena Street, Unit A  
Hilo, Hawaii, 96720

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My name is Armance Flores and I am a UH Hilo graduate with a BS in Nursing. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It will be beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. Since it is also the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree residents of Hawaii seeking this degree will be able to save a substantial amount in school costs.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-721-5087.

Sincerely,

*Armance Flores, RN*

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My name is Arnold Sano and I am a student pharmacist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It is an excellent opportunity for people from Hawaii who are not able to afford education in the mainland. With this degree, we are able to give back to the community and spread health care throughout the Pacific. I am born and raised on the islands and am very proud that we have a Pharmacy school that is nationally recognized as of now and hope this continues. Also, by having a pharmacy school here, it has been estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. I would like the economy in Hawaii to continue to be strong so that it may have a positive impact to the locals here.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-227-5038.

Sincerely,



Arnold Masutatsu Sano  
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## **Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

MARCH 19, 2013 9:00 a.m. Room 211

#### **HB 200 HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

#### **Re: Funding for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture FY 13-15; Bio-Controls & Pest Control efforts HB 200 HD 1**

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

My name is Ashley M. Stokes, and I am a veterinarian and a member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

As you may have heard from recent press releases, a moth has recently been released on the Big Island and Maui to fight a noxious weed we have been fighting in Hawaii for over 15 years, commonly known as Fireweed. As a veterinarian, I know the toxicities of this plant and how valuable it is to decrease the prevalence of this weed.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Here is a picture of fireweed at Parker Ranch:





The yellow you see is fireweed, making this pasture noxious (deadly) to cattle.

- Current estimated range of impact; over 850,000 acres of the States total 4,000,000 (unpublished)
  - o Reduces forage production – high infection areas by as much as 40%
  - o Theoretically it is like have over 300,000 removed from grazing
- Future estimate – infest 1,500,000 **more** acres in the next 10 years

After years of research by HDOA and approvals by HDOA and USDA, we have begun the release of a moth that will help control the fireweed. This one bio-control is not the silver bullet though, and more bio-control insects are needed.

In addition to fireweed, there are many other invasive pests that HDOA is working on. Many of these have real impact on the health of cattle as well as other livestock that are valuable economically as well as for food.

The effort to provide this bio-control for Fireweed took so long, in part, due to budget cuts in recent years. After years of testing in the lab, the colony of moths now being released was allowed to die due to budget cuts, and had to be re-established with HDOA personnel having to travel back to Madagascar to secure more moths. We have seen in the past that cutting these bio-control budget requests costs the State, our industries and our environment much more in the long run.

Please provide the funding for staff personnel who support efforts in biocontrol and pest response programs (9 positions under AGR122EC and another 7 positions under AGR122ED). Also, please support funding for out-of-state travel, out-of-state subsistence, and other travel expenses. These bio-controls are not found here in Hawaii (otherwise we wouldn't have the pest to begin with) and necessitate travel, often to faraway places, like Madagascar for the Fireweed biocontrol.

Please provide the funding they have requested to fight these threats to Hawaii agriculture and our Hawaii eco-systems.

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**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,**  
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My name is Audrey Kumasaka and I am a third year pharmacy student at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The College of Pharmacy allows local students the opportunity to attain a doctorate in Pharmacy degree whom might otherwise not be able to afford attending a mainland school. In addition to the John A. Burns Medical School that already supports outreach programs to underprivileged communities in Oahu; our College of Pharmacy would be able to broaden medical outreach programs to the underserved communities on the Big Island. Also by establishing a permanent pharmacy program in Hawaii, it is estimated that the college alone will stimulate around \$50 million a year in economic activities. These are just a few reasons why it is imperative that we secure funding for a permanent building for our school. In the long run, it will help to strengthen and enrich our local community and provide the younger generation the opportunity for a higher education.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at [kumasaka@hawaii.edu](mailto:kumasaka@hawaii.edu) or by phone: (808)284-0803.

Sincerely,



Audrey Kumasaka  
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My name is Austen Drake and I am a Hawaii Island Resident and Professional Engineer. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is estimated to stimulate about \$50 million yearly in economic growth for our Island which will in turn help other businesses prosper. It will also bring more health care professionals to a region that desperately needs their expertise.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-640-5285.

Sincerely,



Austen Drake  
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March 17, 2013

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
And Members  
House Ways and Means Committee

Re: HB200, HD1 Relating to State Budget

Support: Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

Aloha, Senator Ige and Committee Members:

There are many reasons to support the UHH College of Pharmacy building. As a member of the Big Island business community, I have been watching the impacts of the College of Pharmacy on our island, our state and the Pacific region. I have served or currently serve on a number of business and community service boards, so I feel reasonably aware of UHH's important position and the benefits our state and county derive from it. The College of Pharmacy has been particularly interesting to watch.

The COP serves the region by providing qualified doctors of pharmacy for the Pacific Basin. It's the only place, to my knowledge, in the region that offers such a program. The COP is committed to making sure local students are part of its cohort. Pharmacy is not only a critical profession for our communities, it also is a high-paying field and as such, stimulates the economy. The college itself reportedly contributes \$50 million a year to the economy.

We can't chance the COH losing national accreditation. We attract top-notch students and world-class professors at the college. It deserves a decent building that is a credit to our state.

One of the interesting things I've noticed about the pharmacy faculty is a willingness, readiness even, to get involved in other aspects of our community, both on campus and off. That doesn't always happen with university faculty.

And, there is a healthy interest among the faculty in learning and understanding the traditional medicines of native peoples. If what's in native forests can be vehicles to formulate pharmaceuticals to help people around the world, how cool is that?

Please keep the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building funding of \$38 million in the budget.

Mahalo to each of you for your service to Hawai'i.



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My name is Barry K.Y. Mark and I am a Financial Advisor. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Since opening its doors to students in 2007, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy can already claim notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. Also, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is the only program of its kind in Hawaii. Like Hawaii's Medical and Law Schools - it is one of a kind. In addition to serving the entire state, the college has outreach into nations of the Pacific.

The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. To reflect the need and concern over the uncertainty of maintaining accreditation standing as well as the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy's statewide relevance and importance, the University of Hawaii System made securing this initiative their highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 987-2016.

Sincerely,



Barry K.Y. Mark  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

**From:** [Bernard A Balsis Jr](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

The college of Pharmacy at UH Hilo is the only Pharmacy College in Hawaii. There are many students from the mainland who attend there. These same students bring money into the state in the form of tuition and all their living expenses.

It is a must to maintain accreditation for the College of Pharmacy at UHH to maintain this economic engine. If you fail to replenish the budget to build the facility required for continued accreditation, you will be hurting Hawaii's economy now and for the long term into the future.

This is not an expense which can be delayed. I understand the hard decision you are presented with this year. However, the money spent for the College of Pharmacy will help many sectors of our economy. Some of these sectors are:

- Higher Education - for the short and long term of the state
- maintaining jobs in higher education not necessarily funded repetitively by the State government. Tuition and fees and grants from foundation cover most of the ongoing costs of the college of pharmacy
- Constriction - a short term benefit for the economy of the state
- Continued research conducted by the College of Pharmacy which has already made national and international acclaim. This will spur further outside funding helping the economy of the state.

I could go on and on.

You must fund the construction of the facilities for the College of Pharmacy at UHH.

Thank you

Bernard A Balsis Jr  
Resident of Hilo, Hawaii

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Bert Matsuo and I am a student at the Daniel K. Inouye school of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. These are some important factors that will not only benefit the state of Hawaii but the lives touched by its professional products.

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-721-8003.

Sincerely,

*Bert Matsuo*

Address: 490 Laukapu St. Apt. #27 Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Beth Earles and I am a University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because the benefits it will provide are numerous. It is vital to the communities of Hawaii as well as the Pacific Rim basin that the UHH-COP receive the necessary support from the State to help build the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. The United States Public Health Department as long considered Hawaii to be an underserved population. The UHH-COP remaining accredited and supported by the State will be beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. In addition, the College is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. We as the first accredited College of Pharmacy in Hawaii have integrated ourselves within communities across the State; by doing so, those communities have pulled together to help both UH and UHH-COP get to the point of having the building project "shovel ready", allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to myself as a student, my fellow classmates, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-896-7966.

Sincerely,



*Beth A. Earles*  
*Student Pharmacist, Class of 2016*  
*University of Hawaii at Hilo*  
*Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy*



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My name is Blake Johnson and I am a student at this wonderful College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Along with the impact the college has locally it also has an impact nationally as our students have been employed all around the United States. The College of Pharmacy alone is estimated for stimulating roughly \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii which more than covers the investment for this building. The governor has placed the funding for this building at the highest priority for this year which also supports the importance of the building. The architecture for this building is already complete; therefore it is ready to build as soon as the funds are cleared. The bigger picture is seeing that this college provides more health care professionals throughout the state of Hawaii and the entire United States to care for the aging population. The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is not only important for this state, but also the entire United States of America.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me anytime at 480-600-1205.

Sincerely,



Blake Emil Johnson

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My name is Blanche Anne G. Duarosan and I am a second year student pharmacist of UHH-COP. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Being the only school in the Pacific Basin offering the Doctorate of Pharmacy degree, it opens the opportunity for aspiring students from farther places such as Pacific islands (i.e. Marianas Islands and America Samoa) and Asia who along with students from the mainland will receive current and applicable education from world-class professors. Hawaii is a melting pot of cultures and prizes highly on the *ohana* spirit all of which are important in the light of improving patient care; students are exposed to different individuals and learn to apply the caring Hawaiian customs in practice. Many of the students are involved in the community such as health fairs and screenings or helping in research. UHH-COP is well known to the locals and is also responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity in Hawaii. The college and community have provided the students with priceless knowledge. However, the students and faculty will be further inspired with a permanent home of learning and research. According to the UH Board of Regents, the building project is ready and only needs approval for funding.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at email [blanchea@hawaii.edu](mailto:blanchea@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



Blanche Anne G. Duarosan  
Student Pharmacist, c/o 2015  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

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My name is Brandon Shimabukuro and I am the fiancé of Tiffany Mizo, 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy (Class of 2014). I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. In addition, the UHH-CoP has claims to notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. The opening of this pharmacy program has estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UHH-CoP is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 457-7611.

Sincerely,



Brandon Shimabukuro  
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My name is Brian Fukunaga and I am a Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a Pharmacy degree for aspiring young students eager to help their community and serve in healthcare.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating approximately \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.
- As the Affordable Care Act moves forward, we will need more Pharmacists in non-traditional positions to help with our aging population's disease state management in a more cost focused approach. By using the knowledge base from Pharmacists, overall costs to the healthcare system is brought down due to lower hospital admissions, less readmissions, better disease state management, and less draw on the higher end of healthcare.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me thru my cell phone: 808-382-0782.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Fukunaga', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Fukunaga  
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March 15, 2012

**Testimony on HB200 Relating to the State Budget  
Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 9am Room 211, State Capitol  
Testimony submitted by: Bricen Moritsugu**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

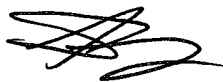
My name is Bricen Moritsugu and I am a social worker in the non-profit field on Kaua'i. **I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

Both Hale Ho'omalua and Nana's House serve the Kauai community with immeasurable impact for families in need. Their locations on the island serve as a beacon for families to turn for help who reside on the island's communities beyond the central districts. These centers and their staff have become valuable partners to collaborating agencies as we work together to meet the needs of our community members.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,



**Bricen Moritsugu**

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My name is Bryan Huynh and I am a second year student pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It consists of students, and a dedicated faculty and staff that are committed to providing optimal healthcare to areas that may have been underserved. The UHH-COP has made a positive impression on the community and continues to spread its reputation across the region. The building has been a priority for the college for quite some time, and the location of the new building has already been decided. The only thing holding back construction is the funding. UHH-COP is a relatively young college, but with goals of being a top 25 college in the nation. Having received accreditation and honoring former Senator Daniel K. Inouye by naming the college after him are only little steps in achieving that goal. Having a building will allow students and faculty to learn in the most appropriate fashion. It will allow most or all of the faculty, staff, and researchers to be in one place rather than 5 different locations that are as far as a 30 minute drive away. Having a building will allow us to be more cohesive and have our program excel in the teachings of pharmacy.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at email [bryan8@hawaii.edu](mailto:bryan8@hawaii.edu) or phone (818) 203-3674.

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March 15, 2012

**Testimony on HB200 Relating to the State Budget  
Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 9am Room 211, State Capitol  
Testimony submitted by: Type Name Here**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

**My name is Camellia Wire and I am Case Manager of Child & Family Service. I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

I utilize the family centers on Kauai nearly every day in my position at CFS. I often refer families to the many services offered at the family centers, as they are one of the only resources available on island. Recently, I referred a family I work with to Hale Ho Omalu Family Center in Kapaa for a parenting class. Not only did she complete the parenting class but she enrolled in a smoking cessation program and got her teenager daughter enrolled in a sex education and pregnancy prevention class called Making Proud Choices. Other family's I work with access the monthly food pantry and drop in services for assistance completing applications for SNAP and other benefits from the state. It would be a tremendous loss if the family centers were to close and many of our community members would lose a crucial component to their overall stability, health and wellness.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,  


**Camellia Wire, MSW  
Voluntary Case Management Program  
Child & Family Service**



*Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children*



**March 15, 2012**

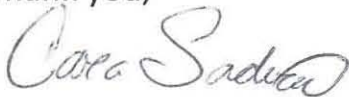
**Enclosed Petition on HB200 Relating to the State Budget  
Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing  
Wednesday, March 19, 2013, 9am Room 211, State Capitol  
Testimony submitted by: Cara Sadira**

Senator David Ige and Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Cara Sadira. I am the Program Director for the Family Centers at Nana's House and Hale Ho'omalua at Child & Family Service on Kauai. The Family Centers provide a safe and comfortable place for families of Kauai to come to receive assistance for many areas of need. We offer free counseling, tobacco treatment, youth programs, case management, food pantry, assistance with SNAP applications, parenting classes, clothing closets, etc. We provide a "home" atmosphere with couches, toys for children, etc. Families come to our centers because they are enjoyable places in the community to relax, learn new things, and seek assistance during vulnerable circumstance, without feeling uncomfortable.

**The families that visit our Family Centers in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.** Over the past couple of weeks, many of the families who visit our centers for various forms of assistance have volunteered to sign a petition in support of the budget request. Please consider the signatures on the enclosed petition in your budget request hearing on HB200 relating to the State Budget, Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 9am in room 211 at the State Capitol.

Thank you,



Cara Sadira  
Program Director  
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## Petition for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai

I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-in Centers under Blueprint for Change. A center that offers emergency assistance to families, as well as on-going services in a family-friendly setting is very important to our island. *Families can get help that they need at any time, from emergency food and clothes, to assistance with strengthening families through parenting, counseling, case management, budgeting, etc.* The Hawaiian Value of Lokahi means that everyone pulls together in Unity. Kauai needs a place, supported by the Legislature, where the community can pull together to help one another in this way. Kauai is the only major island that does not have funding for a Neighborhood Drop-In Center. Please approve the DHS budget request that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers.

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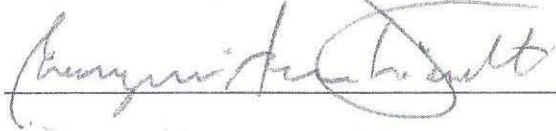
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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Cara Suefuji and I am an Academic Support Specialist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because it offers many benefits to the State of Hawaii. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and provides our local communities with skilled health care professionals. Our faculty conducts cutting-edge research and was able to secure research funding. They have secured grants (\$16.2 million for Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million for Pharm2Pharm) that will reduce health care costs and improve the health care for the communities of Hawaii. The economic benefit our college is bringing is also very apparent. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

We have been waiting for this building for many years. The University of Hawaii System has made it its highest CIP priority for 2013 -2014 and the Governor also made it the only CIP initiative included in the year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The building is "shovel ready" and we can start construction once we are provided with funding.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at [csuefuji@hawaii.edu](mailto:csuefuji@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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Aloha,

My name is Dr, Carlos Juarez and I am a Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Hawaii Pacific University. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. These include an estimate of about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii, benefits to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population, and as the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, it helps to fill a critical void in training the next generation of pharmacists.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 566-2493.

Sincerely,  
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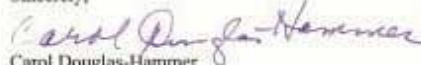
**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Carol Douglas-Hammer and I am a Democrat. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population, and it is the only school in the area with a Doctor in Pharmacy Degree Program.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at [caroldh2@msn.com](mailto:caroldh2@msn.com).

Sincerely,



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My name is Dr. Carolyn Ma and I am an Associate Professor, Chairman for the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice at the UHH CoP. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As one of the colleges founding faculty, the college has provided for many local Hawaii residents with a future in a profession that is considered the most honest and trustworthy in health care. Some specific about the Cop include:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-497-4712.

Sincerely,  
*Carolyn Ma , PharmD.,*  
Carolyn Ma, PharmD., BCOP  
Associate Professor and Chair



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My name is Carolyn Pellett. I strongly support the appropriation of whatever funds are necessary to provide for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building in Hilo as it is essential to the continued accreditation by ACPE of the college as a U H Graduate Doctoral program. In addition To the need for a school in the a pacific Basin and the State of Hawaii, the Pharmacy College Provides a much needed economic stimulus and prestige for U H on a neighbor island in need and deserving of same. The program is already up and running and it would be fool hearty to let It fail to retain accreditation due to incompetent planning for infrastructure. This shovel ready project should already be underway. 'Nuf said....get on the ball and get this done; whatever it Takes.

Mahalo,

Carolyn Pellett  
POBox 383612  
Waikoloa, Hi

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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My name is Chao Yuan Lin. I am the father of Yan Lin, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Class of 2014) pharmacy student in the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-721-1906 or e-mail at [swallowlumlum@gmail.com](mailto:swallowlumlum@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**  
**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,**  
**Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Charlotte Pang and I am a concerned grandparent of a current UH Hilo Pharmacist student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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Sincerely,



Charlotte Pang  
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My name is Josephine Kim and I am a concerned aunt of a current UH Hilo Pharmacist student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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Sincerely,



Josephine Kim  
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Sincerely,



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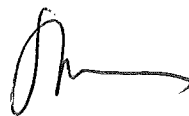
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**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,**  
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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 741-6498.

Sincerely,



Charolyn P Matsukawa  
1020 Malua Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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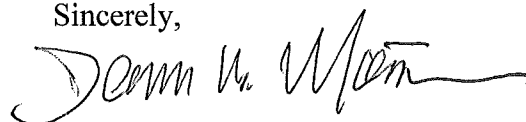
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,



Joyce Chang  
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Pearl City, HI 96782

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My name is Chelsie and I am a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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Being born and raised here in Hawaii, UH-Hilo COP is of great importance to me because it allows me work amongst my local community and exposes me to the culture and the specific unique health problems that are prevalent in Hawaii.

Currently, the UH-Hilo COP has only six study rooms that must be shared by three pharmacy classes consisting of 90 students each, so finding a room to study in is hard to come by. By providing us with the funds to build a permanent building, our school will be able to supply more rooms in which students will be able to study in.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)-542-4840.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Kanoe Won  
1740B Hale O Kea Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Chi Chiu Auyeung and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the pacific offers doctorate pharmacy degree. Hawaii has the highest density of people of different community and race. A school of pharmacy not only offer strengthen medical education support for Hawaii community; it also exposed students to other islands of Hawaii, as well as other underserved areas. In fact, the school itself is actually based on the big island of Hawaii. On top of that, the school itself has world-class professors and great students from US and internationally (like me), who are determined to provide the best health care service to the people that need it.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-381-6883.

Sincerely,  
**Chi Chiu Auyeung**  
Chi Chiu Auyeung  
1498 Komohana Hilo  
Hilo Hawaii

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My name is Chi Ngo and I am a University of Hawai'i at Hilo College of Pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school that offers a doctorate in Pharmacy degree in the Pacific Basin. Also the college has a group of world-class professors teaching to notch students from all over the U. S and internationally. So far the building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents, which allows the construction to begin when funding is provided. Having a permanent building will draw more students and teachers to the community and help increase the economic activity for Hawai'i. Also it is a boon by providing more health care professionals for the increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 408-892-9674.

Sincerely,



Chi Ngo  
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My name is Christina Mnatzaganian and I am a pharmacist faculty member at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- World-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
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- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (520)331-2486.

Sincerely,



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Testimony submitted by: Christina Soltren**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Christina Soltren and I am a Family Service Worker of Child & Family Service. **I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

Our neighborhood centers play a big part in the program that I work under. They provide a safe and friendly environment for children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of neglect or abuse to visit with their parents. The work that our neighborhood centers of Kauai provide improves lives, strengthens our communities. The neighborhood centers on Kauai provide the community with food and clothing assistance without that assistance many would go without. Neighborhood centers on Kauai play an invaluable and meaningful role in charitable giving to the community of Kauai.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,

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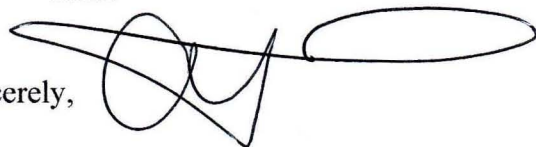
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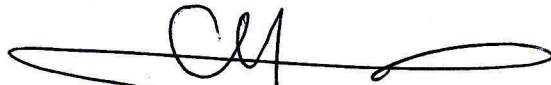
The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is expanding the healthcare education department in the state of Hawaii and bringing a solid foundation to the career of pharmacy to this state. It is shedding light on the Hawaii health system and benefitting the local community through direct outreach and service events. This school is also extending the scope of pharmacy education to the Pacific Basin area, increasing the diversity of the population in Hilo.

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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



Christopher N Thai  
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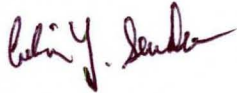
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With Aloha,

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Colin Y. Sewake

E-mail: [colinsewake@ybb.ne.jp](mailto:colinsewake@ybb.ne.jp)

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Colin Y. Sewake

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The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents, allowing construction to begin upon funding. It has cutting-edge research being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. Also promising is the possible collaboration with similar health-related endeavors in naturopathy using native medicinal resources found only on the Big Island as well as in the ocean as found at OTEC. Hospital care on the Big Island has already incorporated holistic approaches in some facilities; certainly research and development in non-Western pharmacology would only enhance medical care as well.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 959-4467.



Sincerely,

Corliss Yamaki

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Hilo, HI 96720

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
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My name is Curt Shimizu, DDS and I am a general dentist practicing in Honolulu. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.

Sincerely,

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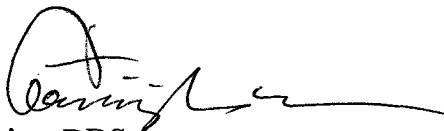
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My name is Cynthia Won and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

I am encouraging you to support the funding of the UHH-COP building. It would be a shame if after the long and arduous work to research need, plan, rally support and then set up the pharmacy program that the program would disappear due to the inability of the state of Hawaii to pay for the building. Responsible fiscal planning on the part of the State would have set aside monies for the building. Like UH West Oahu, post secondary institutions struggle to exist and do not have the wholehearted support of the State.

UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As a senior citizen, convenience and access in the neighborhood are very critical as I am not as mobile and agile as I use to be. Also, very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very easy to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians.

UHH-COP is the only college in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. This opens up the opportunity to be a pharmacist to Hawaii state residents. Prior to the establishment of UHH-COP, only the resourceful or financially strong students could travel to the mainland for a pharmacy education. Many opted to stay on the mainland and pursue their pharmacy professions. Hawaii lost many energetic, community minded professionals who chose to relocate to the mainland.

Hawaii needs to put priority in higher education. Both the University of Hawaii System and the Governor recognize the value of the UHH\_COP building. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UH Board of Regents has supported the UHH-COP building and construction is ready to go as soon as funding is approved.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 239 9660.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Won

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As a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, I have had the benefit of receiving an education in Hawaii. I chose to attend the College of Pharmacy because I believed that an education in Hawaii would best prepare me to serve the Hawaii community.

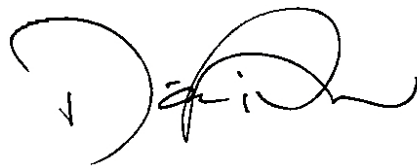
Here in Hawaii we have a unique demographic consisting of many underserved ethnic and racial minorities, who experience great health care disparities especially with respect to their needs in pharmaceutical therapy. The College of Pharmacy is uniquely poised to address these needs and since its inception the College has greatly contributed to closing the health care gap for these populations while educating students who will continue that work when they begin serving the community.

Now we have come to a time when the legislature can choose to show its support for the College. I support the appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

This is a crucial point for the College and I believe your support will determine whether it will flourish – there is great potential for health care to be improved in Hawaii through the education of pharmacists, the advancement of the profession, the economic benefits through the College, and the national attention brought to the state.

I ask for your strongest consideration and support in this matter. I have been fortunate to have served many patients in Hawaii because of opportunities given to me through my education at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I ask that you allow this experience to remain for future generations of health care professionals as well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Hu', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Daniel Hu, Pharm.D  
University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
Class of 2012

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Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Daniel Kim and I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) . I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the UHH-COP building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has helped to improve the economy of the Hilo area by bringing in students from all over and providing high quality jobs to faculty and administrative personnel. It has also elevated the status of the University of Hawaii at Hilo to a level never before seen and paves a way for the future in improving the community both economically and socially. As students in the program, many of us are involved in professional organizations that provide much needed health screenings and education to the community that improves and saves lives at no cost to the community. The research that is being done here is not only bringing money into the community through grants, but is also being recognized in prestigious scientific journals and will make an impact for the whole world. Through the college, we have obtained grants that will further this research, help to serve the under-served, and continue to contribute to the Hilo economy. The list of benefits this college has provided thus far and will provide in the future are too numerous to list, but you can be sure that that the benefits will continue.

Personally, I made a big sacrifice to decide to come back to school and quitting my good paying job to pursue something of what I believe was of greater worth; to be able to serve those around me and improve their quality of life. At first I was a bit skeptical due to it being new and not accredited but I had great confidence in our dean, Dean Pezzuto and the staff and faculty who have been working with him to make this school a top 25 pharmacy school in the nation. After 3 years of attendance, I can say without a doubt that I have not been disappointed. The only disappointment or regret I would have is if accreditation were to be removed from our more than deserving school due to us not getting a permanent building. The UHH-COP has already made a big impact in the community and in the lives of individuals including us students, the faculty, and our families.

We all have worked too hard and have come to far for this to go to naught due to lack of a permanent building. Please vote to support this cause for a permanent building and ensure that the mark the UHH-COP has already put on the community will become a permanent mark and be a lasting benefit to the citizens of Hawaii and to all those associated with the college.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions,

please contact me at phone (801-318-1755).

Sincerely,  
*Daniel Kim*  
PO Box 1392  
Hilo, HI 96721

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My name is Daniel Leong and I am a second year pharmacy student at UHH-COP (c/o 2015). I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. This program is essential for sustainability and development of healthcare in Hawaii especially in under-served communities.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 372-2879.

Sincerely,



Daniel Leong  
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Honolulu, HI 96816



**From:** [Daniel](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building  
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My name is Daniel Nitta and I am a Library Technician at the McCully-Moiliili Public Library. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Several of my close friends chose to get their Pharmacology degrees from the University of Hawaii rather than leaving for a Mainland school. As the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, the UHH-COP is responsible for keeping many of our future health care professionals in the State to serve our ever-increasing and aging population. The school also helps attract top-notch students from the Mainland and internationally.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 973-1099.

Sincerely,  
*Daniel Nitta*

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My name is Daniel A. Rutt and I am a retired Vice President, Human Resources, The Queen's Medical Center. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- With it's world-class professors, UHH-COP attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- It is estimated that UHH-COP is responsible for stimulating some \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The UHH-COP building is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- This project will be beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- UHH-COP has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Notable accomplishments of UHH-COP already include research funding through the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and the \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-456-4029.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Rutt  
608 Hookanike Street  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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My name is Daniel Watanabe and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate of Pharmacy degree and maintains world-class professors while attracting highly motivated and qualified students from across the United States. As the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy continues to grow, we have implemented several community service programs to help benefit Hawaii's ever-increasing and aging population. Along with our ultimate goal of becoming a top 25 pharmacy program, we truly and deeply care about the well-being of the people of Hawaii. I believe we are striving to provide all that we can for the betterment of our community. The permanent building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents, which would allow construction to take place very soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail at [dwata@hawaii.edu](mailto:dwata@hawaii.edu).

Respectfully,



Daniel Watanabe  
Student Pharmacist  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
President, Class of 2015  
Vice President, APhA-ASP 2012-13

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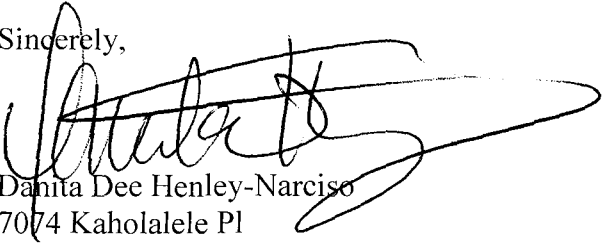
My name is Danita Henley-Narciso and I am a graduate from the University of Hawaii, Hilo, College of Pharmacy – recently named the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. I have listed some of these benefits below:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- This college is turning out pharmacists that believe in patient centered care that are qualified to participate in and support the Medical Home Model – the direction that healthcare is moving internationally.
- This college gives individuals from the State of Hawaii an additional doctorate degree that they can pursue by not having to leave their families or the communities that they love and know.
- This college provides an opportunity for individuals from outside the state of Hawaii to learn about the many cultures that our state hosts and how medicine plays a role in their lives. Proving that this state and the people who live here are more than a tourist attraction. We are individuals striving to make a clinical difference in our state.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Cutting-edge research is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. This request is so about so much more than asking for someone to "foot the bill". Hawaii cannot afford to NOT support the College of Pharmacy. Not moving forward with this funding leaves the unique culture of this great state to receive care from individuals who cannot fully understand the way of life here. The people of the communities are proud of and feel comforted by the fact that their community pharmacist was trained in Hawaii and understand from where they come. If you have questions, please contact me from the information provided below

Sincerely,



Danita Dee Henley-Narciso

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My name is David M. Barnes and I am a spouse of a current Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. You probably heard of all the accomplishments and contributions the College of Pharmacy has made to the community in its short existence. I will not repeat them to you, but I beseech you to consider one thing: the future and fate of many. I am not just referring to the faculty, staff or even the student pharmacists. Rather, I am referring to the potential patients and discoveries that would ultimately be affected by your decision. I have met many of UH's student pharmacists and their drive to not just succeed in the program, but also to help others. I am proud and assured to know that they would one day make a huge impact in their communities and in the lives of their patients. This can only come to fruition

with your vote.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 386-965-0990.

Sincerely,

David M. Barnes  
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Captain Cook, HI 96704



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My name is David S. De Luz, Jr. and I am a representative of David S. De Luz, Sr., Enterprises, Inc., located on the Big Island of Hawaii that just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year in business and employ over 200 team members.

I am in **STRONG** support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.
- Is a catalysts to attract public/private investment at the UHH Technology park
- Is instrumental in our need to establish STEM education academic and job opportunities in our community and state

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony and I would appreciate your consideration to my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-895-4284.

Sincerely,

David S. De Luz, Jr.  
Vice President of Special Projects  
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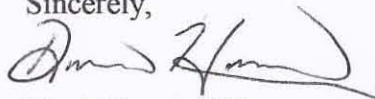
My name is Davis Hanai and I am a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year student pharmacist and registered nurse who has lived in Hawaii most of my life. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The UHH-COP is Hawai'i's pharmacy school. The pharmacy school has practice sites and faculty located on each major island, and about half of our students are from Hawai'i. In addition, we serve the greater Pacific Basin and I have classmates from American Samoa and Guam.

As a registered nurse at Queen's Medical Center, I was able to witness first-hand the important role pharmacists have on the healthcare team. I returned to school because I know how much pharmacists can do to improve the health of Hawai'i's community members. In addition, the pharmacy school attracts top-notch faculty and researchers making valuable contributions to science and drug discovery.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawai'i's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-256-6104.

Sincerely,



3/17/2013

Davis Hanai, RN  
Student Pharmacist, Class of 2015  
470 Lanikukia Place  
Hilo, HI 96720

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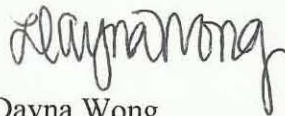
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My name is Dayna Wong and I am a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin that offers a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The professors are world-class and our students here are top notch. A lot of hard work has gone into the success of the college of pharmacy and there is vast public support for this building. Besides being a full time student, I am also a pharmacy intern at a large retail chain here in Hawaii. During the past 2 years that I have worked, I have only heard praises from our customers on how happy they are about having a pharmacy school here in Hilo and how pleased they were with local students being able to get a doctorate degree here on the Big Island.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (808)345-3354.

Sincerely,



Dayna Wong  
1031 Puku Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Deborah Juarez and I am an Associate Professor. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Pharmacists play a key role in ensuring that patients are receiving and adherent to their medical treatment. This is particularly important as our population ages. The UHH-COP has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, has secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at [dtjuarez@hawaii.edu](mailto:dtjuarez@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



Deborah Taira Juarez, Sc.D.  
7413 Makaa Street; Honolulu, HI 96825

**From:** [Hawaiidoves2@aol.com](mailto:Hawaiidoves2@aol.com)  
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**Subject:** UHH-COP support  
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My name is Dennis Nakashima and I am a concerned citizen of Hawaii. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building has the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent high demand doctorate program for our state.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

Has cutting edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so important for Hawaii's broad community.

Sincerely,

Dennis Nakashima  
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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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My name is Dianqing Sun and I am an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-CoP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-CoP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Under Dean Pezzuto's leadership, the CoP has made rapid progresses. As examples, since I joined the CoP in Fall 2009, I have been able to bring in about \$650,000 Federal research grant to our College. My research programs focus on the development of novel antituberculosis and anticancer agents and are currently funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF). Since 2009, my research programs have published 9 publications in high-impact journals. We need the permanent building for the national accreditation and continue to carry out important pharmaceutical and biomedical research. We need the permanent building to fulfill Dean Pezzuto's vision as one of top 25 pharmacy schools in the nation. Ultimately, our pharmacy program will have a significant impact on the Hawaii Community and the State of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-933-2960.

Sincerely,



Dianqing Sun

34 Rainbow Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720

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Please accept my testimony...



Donald Romero  
[thewizardofimiloa@gmail.com](mailto:thewizardofimiloa@gmail.com)

**From:** [Donna Reinhart](#)  
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To Whom It Concerns:

I have made many attempts to send this to you, prior to 24 hours before the hearing. My previous attempts were returned as undeliverable due to your mailbox being full. Should this attempt be successful, please accept my testimony and note that per the time stamp on my original correspondence, the time was 8:07 am CST which would be 3:07 am Hawaii time, well before the 24 hour prior to hearing deadline.

My words and thoughts are very sincere and I hope that they will be accepted and heard, regardless of the technical difficulties. I can forward you the emails I received stating your mailbox was full, should you need that information.

Here's hoping this one makes it to you! I hope to hear the good news that you will support this program.

Sincerely,

Donna Reinhart

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Donna Reinhart <[donnajr@aol.com](mailto:donnajr@aol.com)>  
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My name is Donna Reinhart and I am the mother of Pharmacy (P3) student, Andrew Reinhart.. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

My son, Andrew Reinhart, chose this doctorate program over many other universities, even though living on the mainland at the time. He is now a resident of Hawaii because of his choice to obtain his doctorate from this university. My son obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Missouri- Columbia as a National Merit Scholar and Bright Flight recipient (among many other



scholarships and academic honors). He obtained his Masters Degree in Biochemistry at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. My son also attended and has performed cancer research at the renowned Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri. All of these universities are of the highest quality and have national recognition as being among the best universities in the world, I give you this information to make you aware that this doctorate program at the University of Hawaii- Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) attracts the best and the brightest from not only the state of Hawaii, but from around the world. He and I were impressed with the quality of this program and sincerely hope you will take this matter very seriously to keep it accredited and increase it's potential, growth, quality and appeal for the future of not only the students, but the University and the State of Hawaii, and the world.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is all and more of the following:

The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. (My son being one of them).

Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (314) 225-5605 anytime. I would be more than happy to talk to you as to why this program needs your support. This program and it's students strive for excellence in their field and it is my sincere hope that you will grant them this request so they can continue to be the best. My son will graduate Spring, 2014. I'll be at his graduation, beaming with pride. Thank You So Much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Florissant, Missouri 63034  
[DonnaJR@aol.com](mailto:DonnaJR@aol.com)  
(314) 225-5605

## Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Finance Committee

With regard to HB200, this testimony supports gradual, results-based funding for the Early Childhood Initiative, beginning this year.

My name is Lois-ellin Datta. I am a Past-President of the American Evaluation Association, on the advisory board of four national evaluation journals, have served as a Director of the U.S. General Accountability Office (Human Services Area), as a Director of the U.S. Department of Education Research on Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Division, and as National Director of Head Start and Early Childhood Research for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. My books and articles include several dealing with investments in early childhood services.

Among the analysts who have looked independently and intensively at the almost 50 years of data, I consider the conclusions of Nobel Prize winner (Economics) James Heckman and his associates particularly relevant. I have also studied in considerable depth studies such as the just-published final report of the National Head Start longitudinal study which used a randomized experimental design. Qualitative and quantitative evidence generally converge, although the qualitative findings, particularly parent testimonials, are more positive.

These authors conclude---and I agree---that an investment in early childhood programs can offer payback under three circumstances:

1. **Quality programs.** The results often brought forward to show good returns on public investment come primarily and perhaps only from high-quality programs. This suggests a concentration of resources and gradual expansion.
2. **Parent/ohana involvement.** When programs effectively teach parents/ohana how to read to their children, provide support for parents/ohana as educators, and focus on this role rather than being all things to all people, good results are found. This suggests concentrating on parents/ohana who are willing to do this work. This finding is consistent with the classic research on the Children of Kauai, by Emmy Werner. If the Legislature chooses to focus on the most challenged families, some good results may be expected but be realistic in how difficult it can be even to keep children from multiply stressed homes from falling farther behind.
3. **Continuity of support:** Good effects come from continuing a quality early childhood program with a quality elementary school experience. If the children enter poor quality elementary schools, there is little evidence of continuing benefits. This too is consistent with

concentrating resources, then later expanding.

Should Hawaii begin this investment? Yes! But at a level---probably close to \$15,000 per child annually or more---high enough to support high quality programs. Begin small until training and monitoring capacity develops. Write in mandatory third party independent evaluations of program quality, collection of baseline and continuing data on trust-worthy evidence of benefits to children, and expand the programs as this evidence comes in.

The Legislature can reasonably expect early evidence of our Hawaii preschools as safe, happy, healthy places for children to be. This in itself can be a great benefit. They can expect within a year or two strong evidence of program quality, followed by evidence of children maintaining good annual growth rates across an appropriate range of indicators and, perhaps, exceeding expectations. Later evidence could include good progress in school, and perhaps much later, the reductions in teen pregnancy, avoidance of the justice and welfare systems, success in advanced education, and taxpayer status on which claims of cost/benefits are based.

Once evidence of program quality and good annual growth comes in, expansion that matches capacity for training could be an excellent investment. Such expansions could and should expand also the range of children's needs that would be served.

Head Start at present and for many years has served the neediest first. There are many in the early childhood community who believe this is best. If the Legislature agrees, then resources should match the greater needs rather than under-funding and over-promising.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

/s/ Lois-ellin Datta, Ph.D.

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My name is **Dr. Marjorie Mau** and I am a **Professor in the Dept of Native Hawaiian Health at the School of Medicine**. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is an excellent training program for our local students who are seeking a career in health care. Moreover, its reputation has touched many health care organizations that care for the medically underserved and the Native Hawaiian community. Where we needed providers the most! One example that I am aware of first hand is that of Dr. Pua Akana (COP class of 2011) who graduated from the COP and who is now working AND thriving at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC). Please do not let the future of our children slip away because of lack of vision! Please find the funding or a way to raise the funding to support the proper building for a world class COP at UHH!!

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-754-5207.

Sincerely,



Dr. Marjorie Leimomi Mala Mau, MD, MS, FACP  
Professor and Myron P. Thompson Chair for Native  
Hawaiian Health Research, JABSOM

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My name is Dr. Misaki Takabayashi and I am an Associate Professor, and Chair, of Marine Science Department at University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, the UHH-COP trains health care professionals who will provide medical care to all of us in the State. Furthermore, as the only medical science program on the island of Hawai'i, it has attracted world-class professors and researchers who have significantly and rapidly advanced Hawaii's research capacity in not only pharmaceutical sciences but also in broader biomedical sciences. I am a geneticist working on marine organisms and collaborate with a few researchers from UHH-COP. I have been thoroughly impressed and appreciative of the expertise and facilities that UHH-COP provides. In fact, one component of my federally-funded research would have to be "out-sourced" to outside of the state if it were not for the equipment and research expertise available at UHH-COP.

I strongly urge you to consider including \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Misaki Takabayashi  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Marine Science Department  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
200 West Kawili St. Hilo HI 96720

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My name is Dustin Otis and I am a member of the Hilo community. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. They also have world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. The college of pharmacy is also estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)895-1361.

Sincerely,



Dustin Otis  
33 Helani Place  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Emily Lin, and I am a Student Pharmacist at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. I was born and raised in American Samoa and is an active learner in seeking high-education that would benefit others. When I was still in high school, I did not know where would I want to apply for college, since we only have a community college in American Samoa. My family wanted me to applied to school on the east coast of mainland to obtain a better education and better future for myself, but I am also very a family oriented and wants to stay close to my family. One day, a few faculties and students from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo - College of Pharmacy came to American Samoa and visited all the high schools on the island to seek out those who have a dream of becoming a professional, one who is willing to continue learning for the rest of life in order to help others. I was one of them, and I now I am part of this profession. As we became the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, we have done many outreaches to different U.S. territories and has attracted students nationally and internationally to apply to Hawaii. The college has already being beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. When we students have events in community, many citizens would come up to us and tell us they are thankful for all the health screening we provided and are supported of our efforts.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 489-3373.

Sincerely,



Emily Lin  
603 W. Lanikaula St. Apt#206B, Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** [Eric Ngo](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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My name is Eric Ngo and I am a Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has been a pleasure being a student here and a pleasure serving the community here on the island of Hawaii. My fellow students and I have heard great feedback on the impact that we have made on the lives of the people we serve. I hope to continue my education here and I hope that the committee evaluates the importance of the UHH-COP to the State of Hawaii and its people.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 206-335-7302.

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Sincerely,

Eric Ngo  
Student Pharmacist, UHH-CoP, Class of 2015



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My name is Eun Jung Park and I am a post-doctoral fellow in Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, UH Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

There are important reasons that the UHH-COP should be supported.

- UHH-COP is the only pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin, which provides an excellent education for students to be professional and responsible pharmacists.
- UHH-COP brought the economic activity. People from other countries and states as well as from Hawaii, who found jobs and started to study in UHH-COP created the inflow of money in Hawaii, by purchasing local products/vehicles/houses, renting places, doing leisure activities, etc.
- Considering an increasing number of aging population, health care should be provided more. Indeed, UHH-COP put this into action by holding a health fair every year to provide free health care service to the public.
- UHH-COP also put an effort to do laboratory researches to discover and develop novel medicines and dietary supplements to treat cancer and other diseases. The laboratories now are separated into different places. Although the enthusiastic students, researchers, and faculty do the best to conduct the experiments, but it would be more effective and synergistic if we have our own building, to help and support each other by actively sharing equipment and communication without remote distance.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-854-2600.

Sincerely,



Eun Jung Park  
173 South Wilder Road, Hilo, Hawaii, 96720

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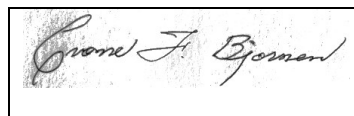
My name is **Evonne F. Bjornen** and I am a owner of a Mac Nut farm in Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- Without the new building we could loose the accreditation for the College of Pharmacy.
- The funding was promised over a year ago and Dr. Pezzuto guaranteed the accreditation committee over a year ago that the building would have been started at this time.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-969-7753.

Sincerely,



Evonne F. Bjornen  
805 Kauhi-Ula Road  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Forrest Batz and I serve on faculty in the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The College of Pharmacy needs, and is deserving of, your support at this critical juncture for many reasons, including:

UHH-COP is the only program in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, the entry-level degree for licensure to practice pharmacy.

UHH-COP has the most diverse faculty and student populations of any college of pharmacy in the US, attracting a world-class faculty of professors and top-notch students from Hawaii, the mainland and around the world.

UHH-COP generates an estimated \$50 million every year in economic activity for Hawaii.

The permanent building is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

The UHH-COP permanent building is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor's only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

UHH-COP is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by preparing more health care professionals, and improving health care, for our ever-increasing and aging population.

UHH-COP faculty are conducting cutting-edge research in many areas, including cancer research.

UHH-COP accomplishments include securing research funding in the form of the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

UHH-COP faculty and students are being recognized nationally for their innovative approaches to providing and improving health care in Hawaii and the South Pacific.

Please consider this request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's community.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Forrest Batz, PharmD  
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
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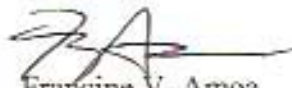
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My name is Francine Amoa and I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Student pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As a native of American Samoa, one of the reasons I came to Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy was because it is the only college of its kind in the Pacific basin that trains pharmacists. Currently, American Samoa has 2 U.S trained pharmacists to service a population of 55,000 people. Upon completion of my training, I plan to move back to American Samoa where I can provide a service that is so desperately needed. Furthermore, students like me from the Pacific region in the future can attend this college to obtain their education and return to the island countries.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-393-3751

Sincerely,



Francine V. Amoa  
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My name is Francis J. Bosha, Ph. D. and I have been an instructor in the UH system, and am also President of the Hilo Lagoon Centre Board of Directors. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is a great stimulus for our economy and an incredible benefit for our community. It is also:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Francis J. Bosha, Ph. D.,  
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**From:** [Garrett Rhodes](#)  
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### **HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**

#### **Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Garrett C. Rhodes and I am a current Proud Student Pharmacist at The University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- A very prestigious program to have in our community
- Has massive support from the entire Hawaiian community
- Is the pride of Hilo
- It is also crucial for us current students and our future livelihoods
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care

professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone number 808-756-6342

Sincerely,

-Garrett C. Rhodes  
Student Pharmacist Class of 2015  
University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy



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My name is Gaynor Kaupu and I am a Teacher at a DOE school. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. My niece is attending as a first year student and it would be detrimental for the program to loose accreditation at the beginning of her schooling.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)4555392.

Sincerely,

*Gaynor M. Kaupu*  
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Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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My name is Hana Tran and I am a third-year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, it has been beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. Numerous health fairs, health seminars conducted by the UHH-COP help to provide health screenings and education to the communities, including the underserved communities. The UHH-COP also claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

In addition, the UHH-COP is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. Since its presence here in Hilo, the city has enjoyed substantial economic growth. The opening of Target and Sports Authority is just a few examples of new businesses coming to Hilo. The economic growth will continue as the UHH-COP attracts more students from other islands and from the mainland to Hilo, bringing with them their families and friends. Some students, like me, choose to come to Hilo to experience the Aloha spirit; some choose to come home to Hilo/Hawaii after their undergraduate education elsewhere in other states. In my first year in Hilo, the only way to visit home in California was connection flights to Honolulu. Now, Hilo residents can enjoy direct flights from Hilo to Los Angeles with the recent presence of United Airlines.

The UHH-COP has helped contribute significantly to health and economic growth. And it can continue to make significant contributions with your support. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 714-468-8461.

Sincerely,



Hana Tran  
2469 Kinoole St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Heather Tanaka and I am a Student Pharmacist. On behalf of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, I am writing to you to ask for your support in appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The ACPE believes permanent facilities is an important aspect to the accreditation process, and includes it as part of their 30 rigorous standards of excellence that must be met should any school of pharmacy continue to be fully accredited. In other words, if we do not show progress toward obtaining the necessary funding and development plans for a future infrastructure, we could risk losing all that we have worked for, our full accreditation. The loss of accreditation could mean the failure of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for the State of Hawaii.

Losing our full accreditation would be devastating to many, especially having come this far and achieving all that we have throughout the years. The vision of the College is to "drive improvement of Healthcare in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific," and we will achieve this by "focusing on Hawaii's unique cultural, physical, and geographic features, by employing world-class faculty, and by graduating exceptional professionals." As the only fully accredited pharmacy school in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, we must strive to hold on to everything that we have all worked toward. However, this is all in jeopardy if we are unable to provide adequate information when ACPE returns to evaluate our progress.

As members of the COP, we have played an active role in society, not just here on the Big Island, but also on the neighbor islands as well as the mainland and abroad. Each year, COP students and faculty are involved in a number of community events ranging from health fairs, where we provide free health screening services as well as consultations, to monetary and supportive contribution events, such as American Heart Society's Heart Walk and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. In addition, we are involved in Tobacco Awareness programs educating elementary school children about the importance of staying tobacco free. As I mentioned, the COP family is influential not only here on the Big Island, but we also have various rotation sites on the other Hawaiian Islands, as well as the mainland and abroad. Many students in the College presently hold intern positions at Walgreens, Safeway, Walmart, Longs, Target, Costco, KTA, Kaiser, as well as independent pharmacies. These rotations sites provide students and faculty the opportunity to practice pharmacy skills and a chance to reach out to serve the community. Getting out into the community and experiencing "real-life scenarios" are crucial to our development as future skillfully trained, competent pharmacists, and we would like to be able to uphold this tradition.

I humbly ask for your support in funding this initiative in an effort to show the Accreditation Committee that we started this College with a goal in mind, and we will not let them, nor anyone else, stand in our way of achieving our goal of ultimately becoming one of the top 25 pharmacy schools in the United States. Your time and support regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-247-6362 or [hktanaka@hawaii.edu](mailto:hktanaka@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Tanaka', written in a cursive style.

Heather Tanaka

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I, Howard Ishizuka, am in strong support of appropriating the \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.  
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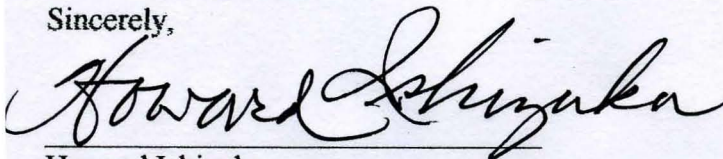
The Graduates of UHH-COP have garnered much recognition and have made an impact in the health care field in and outside of Hawaii. They have done so from what they have learned from the top-notch and world class professors, educators, and administrators of the UHH-COP.

The economic activity that the UHH-COP has generated is estimated to be \$50 million per year. The \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and the \$14.3 million Pharm2Pharm Grant are examples of research funds that have been secured.

The UHH-COP is an institution that the Hilo community and the state of Hawaii are very proud of and look up to. UHH-COP students have held and continue to hold events in the Hilo community such as Blood Drives and Health Fairs.

Please consider my request to include the \$38 million for the UHH-COP building in your budget as it is so vitally important to the students and faculty and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have any questions, please contact me at phone (808) 488-0544.

Sincerely,



Howard Ishizuka

Proud Parent of Kelly Ishizuka UHH-COP Class of 2015

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**The Establishment of the Early Childhood Education Program and  
the School Readiness Program**  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing  
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Testimony submitted by Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child &  
Family Service

Chair Senator David Ige, Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and Com-  
mittee Members:

I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request for the Establishment of the Early Childhood Education Program (SB1095, HB864), the Establishment of the School Readiness Program (SB1093, HB862), and the Constitutional Amendment (SB1084, HB853). This is even more critical to support since the House Finance Committee did not include funding for these initiatives in its version of HB200!**

The best investment we can make in our community is on the front end; i.e. from birth to five so that children enter school safe, healthy and ready to learn. The Governor's appointment of an Early Childhood Coordinator was an important step in this direction and establishing an Executive Office on Early Learning was also an important next step that will ensure that services for young children are coordinated across state departments.

The science of brain development and the economic ROI of \$4.20 return for every \$1 invested in early childhood are well documented. Hawaii is one of only 11 states without a state funded pre-school. It is time that Hawaii becomes a leader in taking care of our keiki and ensuring that they get off to the right start being safe, healthy and ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

*Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children*

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, MSW, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Child & Family Service

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-959-1342.

Sincerely,



Hugh Y. Ono, P.E.  
455 Ekela Street, Hilo , HI 96720



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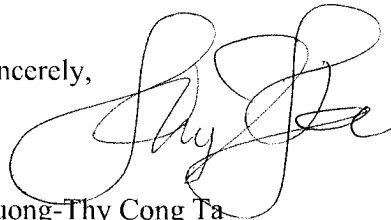
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My name is Huong-Thy Cong Ta and I am a first year student pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It gives Hawaii the opportunity to bring in students from all over the United States of America and Internationally to attain a great education. In return, us future pharmacy professionals will surely give back to the school and the state of Hawaii whether it be by financial support (via the CoP Alumni Association) or community service. Had it not been for Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, I, nor my friends and family, would have had the pleasure of discovering the unique qualities and culture of Hawaii and its inhabitants. I truly adore the Hawaiian culture and would love to see Hawaii be known for more than a great vacation destination. Hawaii should be acknowledged for nurturing and graduating a healthy batch of Doctors of Pharmacy yearly, that will go out and provide care for not only the ever-increasing and aging population of Hawaii, but for the rest of the nation.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (818) 943-6303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huong-Thy Cong Ta', written in a cursive style.

Huong-Thy Cong Ta  
40 Pamala Place  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

**From:** [Ingrid Nishimoto](#)  
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My name is Ingrid Nishimoto and I am a retired teacher for the State of Hawaii. I strongly support appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The John M. Burns School of Medicine is already an important, outstanding and vital learning institution in our state. The addition of the only school in the Pacific Basin to offer a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree would further enhance and extend learning opportunities in the field of medicine. The School of Pharmacy would provide a significant and valuable resource for citizens here in the State of Hawaii and the United State as well as countries in the Asia/Pacific region.

The building project is considered ready to begin by the Board of Regents with construction starting soon after funding is provided. \$38 million is needed. It is estimated this will stimulate about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. This addition monetary growth is just what Hawaii could use to help offset some of the funding which will no doubt be lost due to sequestration problems at the federal level.

The State of Hawaii needs more health care professionals, especially here on the outer islands. Our population is increasing and aging. A shortage of medical, health care professionals will only bring more problems. The benefit of cutting-edge research, including cancer research, would bring even more funding and expertise to the state. For example, \$16.2 million in the Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant which will help lower health care costs. All of this works toward improving the delivery of health care for communities across the state and the Pacific region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in the budget for the UHH-COP building. It is vitally important to the students, faculty, and the broader community of Hawaii. The valuable learning program has already been constructed with students actively learning the curriculum. Now the College of Pharmacy needs to have the funds to actually construct the building where the learning will happen. I am sure Senator Inouye would be honored.

If you have questions, please contact me at 808-963-6673.

Sincerely,  
Ingrid Nishimoto  
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My name is Ivan I. Nakano and I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because of the following reasons:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and has the potential to attract world class professors and top students from the U.S and internationally.
- The COP should also be an economic driver that could mean \$ 50 million dollars for the community.
- It will benefit Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- It will provide cutting edge research by faculty that would provide a huge benefit to the community..
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-935-5238 or email [ivan.nakano@ikitagawa.com](mailto:ivan.nakano@ikitagawa.com) .

Sincerely,



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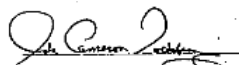
My name is Jack Cameron Goldsberry and I am a third year pharmacy student at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is imperative that we build this building. Honestly it looks ridiculous to other colleges of pharmacy around the country when we explain the learning situation (modular buildings) our students must go through. I also attended Purdue University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in West Lafayette, IN and there is a major advantage in learning with a permanent structure. The last thing Hawaii should want is second rate students coming out of their colleges. Education should be of top priority. The College of Pharmacy was a major priority to the late Senator Inouye. I spoke with him multiple times during meetings with him and his staff in the Summer of 2012 and he was a strong supporter of this funding. Some other benefits are:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 219-775-5504

Sincerely,



Jack Cameron Goldsberry  
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My name is Jack Fernandez and I am a 4th year pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in **strong support** of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Noteworthy examples include:

- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. I have worked closely with many faculty members during my experiential rotations and I am humbled at their passion for teaching and their creativity given the limited resources we currently have. A permanent building would add to providing a world-class pharmacy education and allow even greater opportunities for students.
- Responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- Provides Hawaii's communities with more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. I've worked in pharmacies throughout Hilo and Oahu, and interacted with many members of our community who are thrilled at seeing the upcoming generations of students at the forefront of health care.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.
- Pharmacy students work closely with community organizations such as the Blood Bank of Hawaii in providing life-saving blood drives, and the Narcotics Enforcement Division in providing drug take-back initiatives.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-345-8423.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Fernandez  
Student Pharmacist, Class of 2013  
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Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
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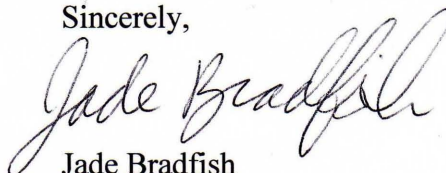
My name is Jade Bradfish and I am the sister of a student at the University of Hawaii College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It would bring a lot of prestige to the University and to the State of Hawaii to have an established, accredited institution offering a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree. According to the US News and World Reports, UH Hilo is already a top-tier Pharmacy school, and I can only imagine how it can grow once it is accredited. These qualifications will attract both top-tier students and faculty. This will not only benefit the University of Hawaii and its students, but also the state in general. Having this program in place creates a more educated workforce and stimulates the Hawaiian economy by bringing in a large number of students.

The building is ready to be built, and it would be devastating for the students to have to wait even longer for the school's accreditation, or to lose it altogether. The school has just been named after Senator Daniel Inouye, who provided the initial funding for the school and whose dream it was to have a center of excellence on every Hawaiian Island, namely a school of Pharmacy on the island of Hawai'i. Not providing the funding for this building would be a shame for the students who have worked so hard to fulfill Senator Inouye's dream, and would be a terrible way to honor such a remarkable person's memory.

This is not just about a building. There is so much more at stake, especially many students who have counted on this building to ensure that they earn a degree from an accredited institution. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (510) 299-9608.

Sincerely,



Jade Bradfish  
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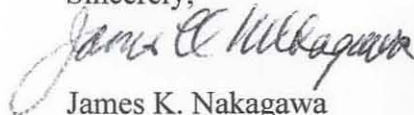
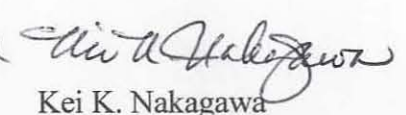
My name is James K. Nakagawa and I am a Kei K. Nakagawa. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
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- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
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- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 1-808-930-7242 or 1-808-987-30500.

Sincerely,

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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Kei K. Nakagawa  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is James Kishida and I am a former University of Hawaii student. I am in strong support and recognize the importance of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree with world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It's beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding this initiative in an effort to show the Accreditation Committee that the students, faculty, and Hawaii's broad community are committed to becoming one of the top 25 pharmacy schools in the United States.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to voice my concerns and appreciate your favorable consideration to include \$38 Million in CIP funds to the University of Hawaii Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. If you have questions, please contact me at 808.222.5333.

Sincerely,

*James M. Kishida  
45-004 Mahalani Circle  
Kaneohe, HI 96744*

**From:** [James Wataru](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: HB200  
**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2013 12:52:42 PM

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On Mar 17, 2013 10:35 PM, "James Wataru" <[jameswataru@gmail.com](mailto:jameswataru@gmail.com)> wrote:

To: Senate WAM committee

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

HB 200 SUPPORT Kaiser high school

I am writing today to ask for your support of HB 200 in particular #46 on page 142 line item 23 pertaining to Kaiser high school and the funding to design a new track and field. I have lived in the Kaiser complex for the past 40 years and attended KHS since graduating in 1984. I have remained active at the school's athletic department and worked with every single Athletic Director ever to work at KHS and I have been the football site manager for the past 20 years. Over that time I have seen the facility go from the best in the state to now average at best not because of mis-management or poor upkeep this is strictly a case of over use. You see over the years KHS has become the most used stadium in all of the OIA in fact probably the state with the lack of lighted stadiums on the east side KHS has become the home field for not only Kaiser but Kalani, Anuenue, and Kaimuki and host upwards of 30 plus games a year add in practices and over the course of 3 months that is a lot of usage. We are the only school to host so many teams week after week and year after year and all that use has taken its toll on the field. Ask any of the AD's state wide and they will tell you Kaiser is long over due for this. There are many schools that have new fields and tracks and only one school uses them Mililani for example has an all weather stadium and only they call it home, right next door at Leleihua they have a new stadium that only they call home and Castle now has a brand new stadium. Now I am not saying that they were not deserving of a stadium I am just saying that the time has come for Kaiser to get one. We have the nicest stadium with the most parking that is right adjacent to the field but we have a field that is in very poor condition and a track that is in need of some serious TLC. I am asking you today to please fund this project and I am also asking that you move this project from design in 2015 to 2014 so the children of KHS and the thousands of community members who use our facility annually to exercise can begin to use it sooner than later. Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to read this testimony.

respectfully submitted by James Wataru

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a \_\_\_\_\_. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (*complete this paragraph by stating positive factors in your own words using a few examples from below. You can also add your own supportive statements*).

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
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- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

*(add your signature by printing, signing, scanning, then sending in pdf form, unless you have electronic signature)*

Type Full Name

Address

Jamie Mizusawa  
Student Pharmacist  
University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy  
Class of 2016

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My name is Janelle Matsukawa and I am a current third-year pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in Hawaii as well as the Pacific basin that offers a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree. The college offers not only this degree but also has programs for a Bachelor of Arts in Pharmacy Studies and Doctorate in Pharmaceutical Sciences. I am born and raised in Hawaii and I cannot imagine another place that I would want to further my education as a future healthcare professional. Becoming a pharmacist will allow me to provide services to the aging community of Hawaii, which is constantly increasing, by filling their prescriptions, managing their medications, giving immunizations, and answering any questions that they may have. The opportunities that students like me can gain from the UHH-COP are endless. The school consists of the best and brightest students from all over the country and world. I feel that I have made amazing connections with other students and faculty during my time here at UHH-COP. The faculty and students participate in top of the line research, including cancer research. Currently the college has received \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improved the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. The funding for a building will help to allow all of this research and education to occur. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 741-7498.

Sincerely,



Janelle N. Matsukawa  
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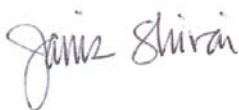
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My name is Janis Shirai and I am a faculty member and alumna of the University of Hawai`i at Hilo. I strongly support appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawai`i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawai`i.

The University of Hawai`i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building needs to be supported because its benefits are significant. It is the only school in the Pacific region that offers a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The College of Pharmacy has world-class professors who are doing cutting edge research, and it attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. The College of Pharmacy has had positive impact on our communities by providing skilled health care professionals, and it is estimated that it is responsible for stimulating about \$50 million in economic activity in Hawai`i annually. It has secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

The University of Hawai`i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building is the University of Hawai`i System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014, and Governor Abercrombie made it the only CIP initiative in his Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature this year. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the University of Hawai`i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building as it is vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-935-1019.

Sincerely,



Janis Shirai  
37A Punawai Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

March 15, 2012

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Testimony submitted by: Jasmine Asuncion**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Jasmine Asuncion and I am a Family Support Worker for the Healthy Start Home visiting program. **I am in strong support for Home Visitation Funds in the Department of Health Budget in HB200.**

I am Jasmine Asuncion and I have worked for Healthy Start Program for one year. I schedule home visits with families and begin working with families on how to achieve parenting goals. I support home visiting because this is my job and also because we get to see what is happening in the homes of our communities. It is surprising to see how many of the families we work with have never had appropriate parenting support. It is difficult to see a family outside of the home and assume that the living situations are safe and suitable for a newborn. Having access to families with in their own home gives Family Support Workers the opportunity to benefit a parent in making life changing decisions for a more positive life style for children. Healthy Start has already given families more resources that they may have not been aware of and transportation to these resources. Healthy Start has shown me how much a child can better in school, relationships, athletics, and in personalities when supported with age appropriate child development. Healthy Start is already well known home visiting program, which makes it easier for parents when inviting people into their home.

Before 2009, Hawaii was a leader in child abuse prevention when it still had a statewide Healthy Start Home Visiting program that screened parents of all newborns for risk of child abuse and referred those at high and moderate risk to the voluntary Healthy Start Home Visiting Program. Unfortunately in 2009, this statewide program was decimated when funding was reduced from almost \$10 million in General Funds to \$1.5 million in TANF funds through a Memorandum of Agreement between DHS and DOH. There is nothing more important that we can do as a state and for our keiki than preventing child abuse. The importance of a program like Healthy Start (Healthy Families America) is that there is intervention before there is ever a report of child abuse to Child Welfare Services. For numerous years the Healthy Start was a robust statewide program, over 99% of families that stayed 12 months or longer in the program had no report of child abuse. This speaks to the effectiveness of home visitation services for high risk families. We can prevent child abuse, but we must protect these services from being totally eliminated.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jasmine Asuncion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.



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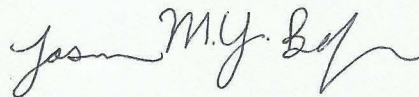
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My name is Jasmine Bradfish and I am a second year pharmacy student at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin, allowing many students from the mainland, Hawaii, Guam, and Samoa to earn their PharmD degree. The College has attracted many world-class professors, many of whom are involved in important research projects, including cancer research. The College of Pharmacy not only stimulates an estimated \$50 million per year for Hawaii, but it also provides more health care services and health care professionals for the Big Island community. Our pharmacy school has held many health faires to offer free screenings to members of the community who would otherwise be unable to have these screenings done. We have worked hard to educate the public on healthy living, and I know we can make a difference in this community. The only way we can continue to make a difference is if we stay accredited, which heavily depends on us having a permanent building. Our College already has the building plans made for our school, and the only thing missing is the funding.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (510)299-8858.

Sincerely,



Jasmine Michelle Yap Bradfish

2677 Kilauea Avenue

Hilo, HI. 96720

[jbradfis@hawaii.edu](mailto:jbradfis@hawaii.edu)

## Bill HB200: Hawaii School Readiness Program

I am writing in support of the Hawaii School Readiness Program. I am an experienced Early Childhood Special Educator who has worked with young children and their families from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds for over 20 years. I have repeatedly seen first hand the differences in children's readiness to learn when starting kindergarten when they had the opportunity to attend a preschool program and when they hadn't.

Children who have previously attended a preschool program have a number of very noticeable skills that the non-preschool children don't have. They can sit in a chair at a table, usually keep their hands to themselves, follow simple directions, easily transition between activities, understand the routine of the day and what will come next, know what is expected of them, have self help skills, put their things in their cubby, wash their hands, put toys/objects away. They also have learned not to take other children's things, push or hit, respect other children and their teacher, ask for help, and help other children. They know how to wait for their turn, what is fair and not fair, and do simple problem solving. They can use scissors and have experience with crayons, felt tips, glue, holding and opening books, turning pages, simple counting, know their colors, etc... This is what Readiness to Learn looks like.

In contrast many children who have not attended a preschool program will show up at kindergarten not knowing how to sit in a chair at a table, keep their hands off other children, follow simple directions in a timely fashion, won't easily transition to other activities, share objects/toys, wait patiently for their turn, know self help skills, know how to get something they want without hitting another child. They may not be experienced with books, paper, crayons/felt tips, scissors, or asking for help when they need it.

In the kindergarten room it is very easy to spot the children that have attended a preschool program from the children who have not. These children have not had the opportunity to develop Pre Readiness to learn skills so their first few months of kindergarten are spent just trying to get used to the social aspects of being in a room with other children, sitting in a chair, picking up and opening a book, following simple directions and learning social skills.

Next comes the realities of the Kindergarten Curriculum and the Kindergarten Teacher. Over the past few years what was expected to be learned at the First Grade level has been pushed down to the Kindergarten level. This has created more responsibility and stress for kindergarten teachers to teach academics at an earlier age. For the post preschool children who are ready to learn kindergarten will most likely be a successful and fun learning experience. For the children who didn't attend a preschool, the kindergarten experience will probably take off too quickly for them because it will be based on prior learned skills that these children haven't yet been exposed to or learned. Many of these children will struggle, fall behind and lose confidence in their abilities. Besides the detrimental effects this will have on the individual child's self confidence which may last

throughout their education years this will also result in more interruptions and problem behaviors in the classroom. As a result, an optimal learning environment for the children who are ready to learn is compromised and the teacher becomes challenged to control behaviors, and teach to a wide range of abilities and skills.

In adopting a School Readiness Program, Hawaii has the opportunity to build Ready to Learn Skills in all their early learners. As a result Hawaii's future will be in the hands of a well educated and healthy population.

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My name is Jayson Guzman and I am a registered nurse. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is a high demand college that will keep residents at home. this will not only keep families together, but will also keep the economy in Hawaii. The economic impact will also stimulate growth locally. It will ensure Hawaii will have a more health care professional for our aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 255-4655.

Sincerely,

*Jayson Guzman*

94-260 Loaa St.

Waipahu HI 96797

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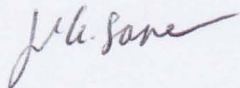
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My name is Jed Sana, and I am a third-year student pharmacist at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am writing to express strong support for the appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Originally from the island of Guam, I was drawn to Hawaii in pursuit of higher education; and the UHH-CoP was a great fit because it is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Indeed, currently enrolled in the program are a handful of students from Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and American Samoa. We hope to use the tremendous skill set gained from the UHH-CoP and our experiences in Hawaii to expand the practice of pharmacy and interest for the profession on our home islands. It is easy to see that the UHH-CoP is in such a unique position to educate not only future Hawaii pharmacists but also pharmacists from the Pacific Islands.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building, as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-778-5059.

Sincerely,



Jed Sana  
290 Iwalani Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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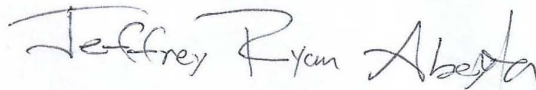
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My name is Jeffrey Ryan Abeyta and I am a Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is a step in the right direction towards placing the University of Hawaii among the best university systems in the US. It would also be a great loss to the State of Hawaii, whose population is now and will be increasingly in need of pharmacists in years to come. The UH system has developed, supported and sustained medical, law and other professional programs which have become great assets in the building and educating of Hawaiian residents. Losing this program after so much work has been done to create it would be such a great loss to the Big Island as well as the entire state of Hawaii. I understand that in today's economy it is not easy to justify spending tax dollars on new programs when there is much need to support the needs of others, however, I would ask you to consider that much sacrifice has been made by everyone involved in the College of Pharmacy. The decision to place a pharmacy school in Hilo was made several years ago and now support needs to be given to fulfill that which was started by those in your position.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 801-824-0483.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Ryan Abeyta  
5492 S Emberly Lane, Apt. 15  
Murray, UT 84107

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My name is Jennifer Makanui and I am a concerned supporter of higher education. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific offering a doctorate in Pharmacy, it is an excellent research facility, and it's graduates are beneficial for Hawaii's aging population

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-294-1085.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Makanui  
98-935 Noelani St.  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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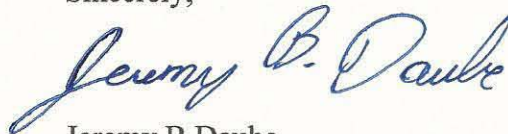
**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Jeremy Daube and I am a UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Our program and students provide greatly needed healthcare education and services to the community. It helps not only the healthcare of locals, but the economy as well. Everyone has worked very hard at the college to make it a great place to study that attracts good students and faculty from all over the country. In addition, to have a school named after the great Daniel Inouye fail as a result of a lack of support from Congress would be both shameful and appalling. I know you have a lot of tough decisions to make with what can seem a less than stellar budget, but failing to approve this building could have major long term consequences for the people of the Big Island.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (805)701-4590.

Sincerely,



Jeremy B Daube

20 Haihai St. Hilo Hawaii, 96720



**From:** [Jerry Nishek](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Testimony for WAM on HB200 HD1  
**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2013 8:56:25 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please forward this letter of testimony to the Senate Ways and Means committee in show of support for HB 200 HD1 for funding of the Hilo School of Pharmacy new Daniel K. Inouye Building hearing on March 19, 2013.

Thank you

Jerry Nishek  
P. O. Box 1040  
Hanapepe, HI 96716

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My name is Jerry Won and I am a parent of a pharmacy student at UH Hilo Pharmacy College. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. UHH-COP hired some of the top professors in the nation and students from U.S.A and other nations attend the school. UHH-COP is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

The Pharmacy building is considered ready for construction by the UH Board of Regents and should take place soon after funding is provided. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

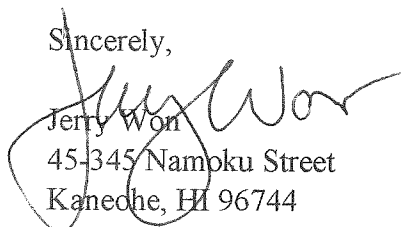
Hawaii has a unique opportunity to provide an excellent College of Pharmacy to the community that will produce more pharmacist. These pharmacist will strengthen Hawaii's medical system that serves the local communities.

UHH-COP has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. The college claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

The UHH-COP had graduated its first class in 2012 and many other pharmacy students are working hard towards getting their degree from this excellent program. It would be a severe blow to UH reputation to have an accredited pharmacy college lose its accreditation.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone, 808-247-8126 or cell phone, 808-352-0079. Mahalo

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Won", is written over the typed name and address.

Jerry Won  
45-345 Namoku Street  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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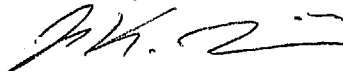
**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
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My name is Jesse Nakanishi and I am a friend of Shanon Makanui. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Furthermore, it has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally and is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-284-0593.

Sincerely,



Jesse K. Nakanishi  
98-917A Noelani St.  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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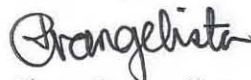
**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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My name is **Jizan Evangelista** and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. I support this cause because it is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. As a native of Guam, attending school in Hawaii for Pharmacy school has opened many opportunities for me, as well as other students who have come from different pacific islands. There is a shortage of pharmacists in these rural areas, and therefore having a pharmacy school in Hawaii will open more doors for Hawaii residents as well as those students coming from different pacific islands to earn a degree in pharmacy and increase the number of pharmacists in these rural settings. An increased number of pharmacists in the community will benefit and improve the health care of Hawaii and its neighboring islands in many ways.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-443-4171.

Sincerely,



Jizan Evangelista

UHH Daniel K. Inouye Pharmacy School

Class of 2014

400 Ohukea St.

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Joanne Daproza Sablan, and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy student of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because the role it plays in the Pacific Basin is pivotal to the development and access of healthcare. First of all, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is the only pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin. As the only pharmacy school in the Pacific region, the college of pharmacy attracts top-notch students from neighboring islands as well as from the mainland who desire a different learning environment not provided by other pharmacy schools. The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is deeply rooted in the culture of respect, humility, and collectivity which offers a sense of comradeship and mutual accountability. In addition to attracting top-notch students, the college of pharmacy is also composed of world-class professors from all over the world. The success to date of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is not only due to its hardworking staff and faculty but is best exemplified in the dedication and accomplishments of its students as representatives of the college of pharmacy. As a student of this program, I humbly ask that you consider the long-term benefits the program can contribute in terms of healthcare not only to the islands of Hawaii but far beyond the Pacific Basin.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 937-1099 or at [jdaproza@hawaii.edu](mailto:jdaproza@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



Joanne D. Sablan

400 Ohukea St.

Hilo, HI 96720

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I am Dr. Joe W. Ramos and I am a cancer research scientist and tenured professor at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. These have no doubt been enumerated by others and must by now be well known to you. I have a different point to be made based on my own recent visit to Hilo with several colleagues at which we discussed how to better integrate our research endeavors to provide the state of Hawaii with a more potent research enterprise aimed at lessening the burden of cancer for our people. I also write in response to the article in the recent edition of the Star-Advertiser in which Senator Ige is quoted as saying we need to maintain the buildings we have at UH before building new ones.

Senator Ige is right, we need to invest in maintaining what we have built. That includes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, which has been waiting since 2009. We must invest in maintaining the Inouye College of Pharmacy by giving it a home not covered in mold and rust. As a cancer researcher, I had the privilege of spending two days last week visiting the Inouye College of Pharmacy. I was given a remarkable, eye-opening tour of the various buildings haphazardly housing the students and teachers and researchers. What made it remarkable was this: inside the classroom trailers and most dilapidated research buildings I had seen I found faculty and students that are as bright and hardworking as any I know. Inside the run down research labs was millions of dollars in research equipment (the best you can buy) rusting in labs where the walls are covered in mold and have to be washed by the faculty every month! The faculty member who told me this had research published last year in the journal "Science" arguably the top science journal in the world. Other faculty are also publishing in top journals and are funded by the National Institutes of Health for their work, all while teaching full time. They have earned our respect and kokua. And we have these faculty washing their lab walls and avoiding suspect rust dripping from the roofs? Unbelievable. We cannot let these top young faculty and students -who have made so much progress in so short a time-go without the new building they were promised and deserve. We cannot sacrifice our investment in them and the cutting edge scientific equipment they use. Please go and spend the day with them before you write them off.

So I ask you to reconsider and fully fund the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy's new building. The people of Hawaii deserve it. The legacy of Senator Inouye deserves it.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to talk with you or your staff should you have any questions. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 389-6427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Ramos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe William Ramos, Ph.D.  
108 Opihikao Way  
Honolulu, HI 96825



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My name is Joel Vonnahme, and I am a first year PhD student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). I am in strong support of the appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds in the upcoming Hawaii State Budget for the purposes of building a permanent, centralized facility for the UHH-COP.

Current facilities are inadequate for the endeavors of the College. Space for laboratories, teaching, and faculty offices are distributed across four different locations and ten miles of roadways. Research facilities are dilapidated, housed in an area of frequent utility interruptions, which endangers the integrity of sensitive instrumentation and critical supplies kept in low-temperature storage.

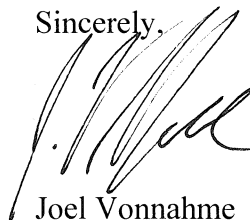
The ability of our faculty to compete for grants from national funding agencies is presently hindered by the inadequacy of our research facility. We have cutting edge instrumentation being kept miles from classrooms and faculty offices,

Another undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the facility is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The estimated economic input to the state and local economies by the UHH-COP outbalances the requested outlay by \$12 million per year. As a return on investment, there are few possibilities with such a return, and fewer still so sound.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 907-978-7805.

Sincerely,



Joel Vonnahme  
P.O. Box 10375  
Hilo, HI 96720

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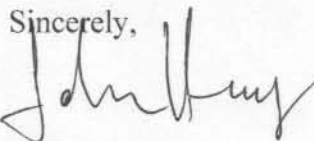
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My name is John Hoang and I am a student of UHH- COP. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. One of many benefits is the economic boost it would provide for the state of Hawaii. It is estimated a revenue of \$50 million dollars each year in economic activity for Hawaii. In addition, it also is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health car professionals for our ever increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (714) 723 - 4049.

Sincerely,  


John Hoang  
601 Laukapu Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

I'm a former elementary school teacher, current professor of elementary education, and a parent of a two year old daughter.

When I was an elementary school teacher, I found my job most difficult when students came to my classroom socially and academically unprepared. This included students who were unable to interact with their peers and students who did not understand basic concepts such as letters and numbers. I recall one student who did not know how to stand in line behind others, and another student who could not sit quietly and pay attention, and yet another student who could not recognize letters in the alphabet. This forced me to spend precious classroom time working with students on basic skills when the time should have focused on grade level content.

As a professor of education, I know that extensive research supports the benefits of early childhood education. During my courses, my students and I talk about research studies that support the benefits of early childhood education. For example, in one past class we discussed the HighScope Perry Preschool Study which found that adults who had been involved in preschool had higher earnings, were more likely to hold a job, had committed fewer crimes, and were more likely to graduate from high school than those who did not attend preschool. In another class, we talked about the Carolina Abecedarian Project. This scientific study provides evidence that early childhood education significantly improves the scholastic success and educational attainment of impoverished children. Based on these, and numerous other research studies, I know that early childhood programs provide benefits in: cognition and academic achievement, behavioral and emotional competencies, educational progression and attainment, health, and labor market success (Karoly, Kilburn & Cannon, 2005).

I am currently the parent of a two year old little girl named Hannah. Hannah began attending preschool on September 1st, the day she turned two. I can afford to send my daughter to preschool because I know that the experiences will prepare her for kindergarten. I insist on giving my daughter an advantage. I only hope those families who are less fortunate are able to provide their daughters with the same advantage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by Jonathan Schwartz, PhD (PhD, University of Arizona)

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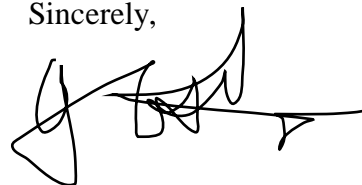
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My name is Josen Ho and I am a Pharmacy Student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Region teaching and offering a pharmacy degree. This school has attracted prominent professors and enthusiastic students from all around the world. The school has the cream of the crop research that is being conducted by faculty. And very importantly, this is very beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing top-notch health care.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 562-673-4919.

Sincerely,

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Josen Ho

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My name is Joseph Nguyen and I am a student pharmacist at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the second school in Hawaii to offer a doctorate degree other than John A. Burns School of Medicine. It would improved the health care system across Hawaii because many of the indigenous pharmacy students will get to learn about a variety of health problems that can be aided by different classes of medicine and natural products. Doctors in Hawaii can't be readily accessible to patients so it is important that we have a pharmacy school that will continue create future pharmacists who will provide informative health advices to the local people of Hawaii. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone number 714-420-3032.

Sincerely,



Joseph Nguyen  
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My name is Joson Perreira and I am a student pharmacist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has world-class professors conducting cutting-edge research and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally, with an emphasis on cultivating our local talent. Approximately 50% of the UHH-COP student body is from Hawaii. We cannot afford to continue to lose our best and brightest to schools on the mainland. The UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. If it were not for the UHH-COP, I would not have the chance to pursue my dream of becoming a pharmacist. Having the College of Pharmacy here in my hometown of Hilo has allowed me the opportunity to achieve my goals at a more reasonable cost of in-state tuition.

The UHH-COP is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care to our ever-increasing and aging population. As a student pharmacist and an active member of APhA, HSSHP, and the Phi Delta Chi fraternity, I've participated in numerous health fairs, including a health fair provided by Phi Delta Chi for the underserved community of Miloli'i, the last fishing village in Hawaii. These health fairs provide us the opportunity to educate members of our community on health-related topics such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, sexually transmitted diseases and many others. We also provide free health screenings to the public including blood pressure, blood glucose, and cholesterol.

At the UHH-COP, I am surrounded by people who work tirelessly to master a rigorous curriculum, and selflessly to give back to the local community. If we can do this much as students, imagine what we can do as professionals. Help us realize this future with your support. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.

Sincerely,



Joson Perreira  
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My name is Julie Adrian and I am a faculty member and alumna of UHH. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has world-class professors, attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally and has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Most importantly, it is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-933-2953.

Sincerely,

*Julie Ann Luiz Adrian, DVM*

Julie Ann Luiz Adrian, DVM

PO Box 492511

Keaau, HI 96749

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My name is Junette Nakamura and I am a life-long resident of Hilo, active community member, and a 1985 graduate of UH Hilo. I lived on Iwalani Street in my younger years which is just across the street from the university. When I first went to school, the Dean's Office was on Lanikaula Street. There was no student services building, no theater, only the old gym, no campus center, no Edith Kanakaole Building, etc. I have literally seen the university system grow and grow and grow and am very proud to say I graduated from the system.

I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

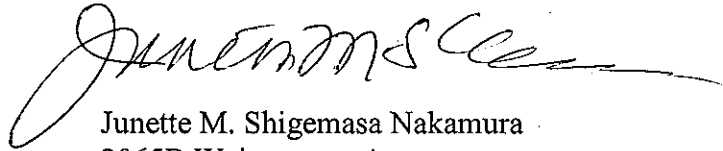
The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The most notable reasons are as listed below.

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.



Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)640-1314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Junette M. Shigemasa Nakamura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Junette M. Shigemasa Nakamura  
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My name is Kacie Takahashi and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only Pharmacy School in the Pacific Basin and it caters to the students in the area. I was born and raised in Hawaii and having a pharmacy school within the state helps students like me to accomplish dreams that seem so out of reach with out-of-state tuition from mainland schools. The University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy has world- class professors and faculty who do cutting-edge research including cancer research by our very own Dean Pezzuto. The UHH-COP helps to stimulate Hawaii's economy and it is beneficial to Hawaii's communities. The UHH- COP provides more health care professionals for the aging population. Programs have also been set up by the COP to help the community with become more aware of their health and what they can do to start or maintain a healthy life style. Such programs include the ALOHA Project and working with the community to provide health screenings. The UHH-COP has some notable accomplishments since its opening including securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-877-5905.

Sincerely,



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Testimony submitted by: Type Name Here**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

**My name is Kalena Serraon and I am a Clinical Specialist at Child & Family Service. I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

I've had the opportunity to be a staff member at the west side family center Nana's House. I have seen first hand the positive impact this family center has had on the community. The community center has been an important staple to a community that often has a hard time asking for help and putting themselves out there. This center has been able to provide support like parenting classes, counseling, case management, clothing room, food pantry and at times emergency financial funding. People come to our community center willingly and are provided an atmosphere that makes them comfortable enough to ask our staff for help knowing that they will not be judged and provided with an empathic hand and heart.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,

**Kalena Serraon, MSW  
Clinical Specialist  
Child & Family Service**

*Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children*

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My name is Karen Pellegrin and I am a senior faculty member and administrator at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for a permanent building for the College of Pharmacy which has already been designed for a specific site in Hilo. This investment will allow the College to continue fulfilling its mission and vision to improve healthcare in Hawaii. Failure to support this building puts the College of Pharmacy and its many benefits to Hawaii at risk.

Within a few years of launch, and ***at no additional cost to the state***, the College of Pharmacy has established the following programs to complement its flagship PharmD degree:

- PhD program in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- MS program in Clinical Psychopharmacology
- Accredited community pharmacy residency program
- Accredited Continuing Education programs for physicians and pharmacists

Located in the second largest town in the state of Hawaii, on the second largest campus in the UH System, the College of Pharmacy serves the entire State of Hawaii very well:

- Students come from every neighbor island as well as from throughout the Pacific Region
- Pre-pharmacy programs exist throughout the UH System.
- Research collaborations have been established with UH Manoa.
- The College of Pharmacy has been awarded over \$30,000,000 in competitive federal rural health awards that have supported many businesses in Honolulu as well as the neighbor islands.

In recognition of the many benefits of the College of Pharmacy, the State has already invested in the planning and design of the permanent building customized for a specific site in Hilo. ***The investment will yield a return and the future benefits to the state will be secured when this building becomes the new home for the College of Pharmacy.***

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the College of Pharmacy building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.

Sincerely,  
Karen Pellegrin

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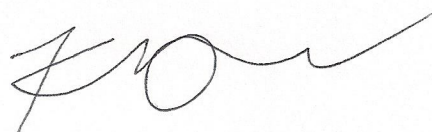
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My name is Katharine Tamai and I am a second year pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The UHH-COP is currently the only pharmacy school within the state of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin region that offers both a Doctor of Pharmacy Program (Pharm.D.) and Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Program (Ph.D.). As a Hawaii resident born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, this college has provided me with the opportunity to advance my educational background closer to home and to give back to my community by providing more health care professionals for our increasing and aging population. Not only does the support of the UHH-COP building affect my future career as a pharmacist, but it also affects the advancement of our health-care system in Hawaii and the health of our Hawaii residents. This college has been able to provide cutting-edge research conducted by our faculty and new, eager, and enthusiastic pharmacists into our community.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me by email at [ketamai@hawaii.edu](mailto:ketamai@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



Katharine Tamai  
Student Pharmacist  
University of Hawaii Daniel K. Inouye College of  
Pharmacy Class of 2015

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My name is Katherine Anderson and I am an assistant professor of pharmacy practice. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

**Recently my students won a national award from the AACP for community service – selected from all the colleges of pharmacy across the nation for reaching disparate populations in need of healthcare in Hawaii County. The Pacific Islander Mobile Screening Clinic is filling a need due to the lack of health care providers on Big Island. They save the health care system hundreds of thousands of dollars through their outreach efforts by identify untreated chronic disease and facilitating health and wellness education.**

The students have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in their schooling, work so diligently, are being recognized nationally, and yet their future lies in the balance and along with it the lives of so many who benefit from pharmaceutical services that the College of Pharmacy brings to all of Hawaii. The loss of accreditation of our college could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 509-432-6888 (cell) or 808-933-2936 (office). My email is [kanders@hawaii.edu](mailto:kanders@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,

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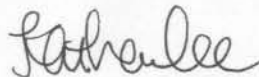
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The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin region that offers a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The pharmacy program is beneficial for our local community here in the Big Island as well as to the State of Hawaii. The school will provide more knowledgeable and compassionate health care professionals to serve the people of our islands. In addition, the pharmacy program has outstanding ongoing research that requires a building to provide more adequate facilities so the students and faculty can continue their cutting-edge research that includes cancer research. The pharmacy program is estimated to stimulate about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and this is a great incentive to provide funding for our building. The pharmacy program has secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and a \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce the health care cost and improve the delivery of health care for our local communities here in the State of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have any questions, please contact me at phone (808)-429-5668.

Sincerely,



Katherine Lee  
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Testimony submitted by: Katherine Richardson**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Katherine Richardson and I am Kauai Guilda Co Chair Child & Family Service. **I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

My Name is Katherine Richardson and I am a volunteer with Nana's house & Hale Hoomalu. I have actively collected donations for the food pantry and clothing closet for the past ten years. I have interacted with the staff, which have cycled in and out due to numerous budget cuts, but remain dedicated to provide the many services CFS offers to the community. Nana's House and Hale Hoomalu provide much need support and services to the homeless, young families and individuals whose lives are in crisis in each of these communities. These services are critical to the survival of many who utilize these services.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,

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My name is Keetae Kim and I am a P1 student of College of Pharmacy in University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin providing a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Also, it is helpful to provide more pharmacists to Hawaii's communities. The recent researches conducted by the faculties, such as cancer research, also help improve the medical technologies in the U.S.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 678-862-7264.

Sincerely,



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Ways and Means Committee Hearing  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
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My name is *KATH SHIRAMA* and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. Sometimes it is less embarrassing to describe local folklore on treatments to pharmacists with roots in Hawaii. Pharmacists can then use their professional knowledge to assess whether herbs and alternative "medicines" interact negatively with the prescribed prescriptions.

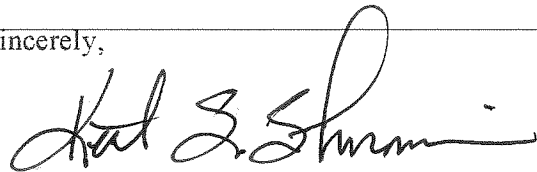
It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In the area of research, UHH COP conducts cutting-edge research that is being conducted including research on cancer.

The College has been successful in getting research funding such as the Beacon Community Grant (\$16.2 million) and the "Pharm2Pharm" Grant (\$14.3 million) that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across in the Pacific region.

The leaders in Hawaii have recognized the importance of a permanent physical home for UHH - COP. The building project is ready to be built according to the UH Board of Regents as soon as funding is secured. The building for UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

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Aloha distinguished members of WAM,

I am writing in strong support of the \$38M funding for the College of Pharmacy Building.

We greatly appreciate your challenges allocating funds in difficult economic times. To that point, I wanted to point out that in addition to the graduates and estimated ~\$50M/yr the College contributes to the economy of Hawaii, there is a significant opportunity for the women of our state that sometimes is understated.

Forbes magazine last year published their top 20 jobs for women in the U.S. and Pharmacist is No.1 (attached)! Also part time employment as a pharmacist has long given women the opportunity to have a financially sustaining career and meet the demands of family life (see attached), which is part of the reason the majority of pharmacists are women. The majority of our students, and of our faculty and staff, are women, many of whom came with the understanding we'd have permanent facilities to support important research and training of students. Retaining these talented individuals is key to the success of the program.

There are many more reasons that you have heard from us and others for supporting the building, but for those of you who have struggled to balance a career and family with limited resources, I wanted to make sure this very important aspect was highlighted.

Mahalo for service and support,

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## Pharmacist: Most equal job for men and women

By Annalyn Kurtz @CNNMoney February 11, 2013: 5:26 AM ET

NEW YORK (CNNMoney)

Doctors are still mostly men, and nurses are almost all women. But pharmacists are another story.

Pharmacists are a fast-growing profession offering a six-figure salary -- and the pay is nearly equal for men and women.

"The position of pharmacist is probably the most egalitarian of all U.S. professions today," Harvard economists Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz wrote [in a paper](#) on the subject they published in September.

Women make up slightly more than 50% of all full-time pharmacists, according to **Census data collected in 2011**. Once you factor in part-timers, they make up around 55% of the profession.

Full-time female pharmacists earned a median salary of \$111,000 in 2011, about 92 cents to the dollar of their male counterparts.

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Yes, there's a small pay gap there, but it can be almost entirely explained by some men working longer hours -- not discrimination.

"Women with children earn less largely because they work fewer hours," Goldin and Katz said in their paper.

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**It wasn't always this way.** Fifty years ago, women made up only about 8% of all pharmacists. What changed?

Your corner drugstore. The pharmacist profession was once dominated by men who owned small stores, but the rise of drug store chains Walgreens ( **WAG, Fortune 500**), CVS ( **CVS, Fortune 500**) and Rite Aid ( **RAD, Fortune 500**) greatly increased job opportunities for women in the field.

A pharmacist no longer had to juggle the responsibilities and long hours of owning a small business. Chain stores offered fewer barriers to entry and more flexible work schedules.

"In the 1950s and 1960s, before the real cultural revolution for women, independent pharmacy owners were a little reluctant to hire women," said **Lucinda Maine**, CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. "It was just purely, 'you're not big enough to lift these boxes' or 'we're worried about you closing a store at night.'"

Then came the chains ... with longer hours and bigger staffs.

"By the time we got to the 1980s, half of the graduating class was women, and the industry needed them," she said.

**The field's professional associations also made an effort to reach out. The American Pharmacists' Association elected its first female president in 1979 and marketed the fact that a woman could have flexibility -- to work part-time, for example, if she wanted to raise a family.**

"That was really the magnet," said Maine, who enrolled in pharmacy school at the time. "I can be a health professional. It's a reasonable length of study. The job itself is in a clean, professional environment, and I have some work-life flexibility."

Decades later, that work-life balance still attracts women to the job. Mande Pierce, 30, is a Walgreens pharmacist in Manhattan. After taking off for a few months on maternity leave, she'll soon be heading back to work with a part-time schedule.

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Pharmacy colleges, which used to require five years of study, reached an equal number of male and female grads around 1984. By comparison, **nursing schools** have always been dominated by women, and med schools didn't reach gender parity until 2008.

The pharmacy degree is now a six-year professional doctorate program that students can enter straight out of high school. The field's high pay is a selling point.

"For me personally, an important thing was a good return on investment," Pierce said. "In pharmacy you can count on making a good living."

Unlike other "feminized" professions, pharmacist wages have increased even as women entered the field. It avoided the "pink-collar" curse.

"Competition, and a shortage of pharmacists, came into play," Maine said.

She points to the early 2000s, when Walgreens alone was adding a new store nearly every 17 hours. The chain would sometimes hire nearly half of all new pharmacy grads nationwide, she said.

The boom is still going: The **Labor Department expects** the field to grow 25% between 2010 and 2020, adding about 225,000 jobs. Pharmacists are taking on more clinical roles, like administering immunizations, blood pressure screenings and medication management programs.

"Most people thought of pharmacists as the person behind the counter, counting pills from a big bottle to a small bottle," Maine said. "That never was a very accurate depiction, and is especially inaccurate now. All of our new grads are trained to offer many services." ■

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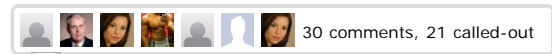
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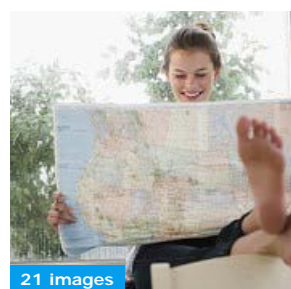
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## Top 20 Best-Paying Jobs For Women In 2012

Over the past three decades women's median income has [increased](#) 63%, and now more than a third of working wives earn more than their husbands. It's no surprise when, although they were once discouraged from pursuing higher education, women now surpass men in achievement of bachelor's and master's degrees.

Across sectors, women continue earning only 82 cents for every dollar earned by men, but more and more they are landing high-paying professional jobs and narrowing the gap. An analysis of the median weekly earnings of full-time American workers in 2011 by occupation and gender, as tracked by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows the top 20 jobs where women are earning the most. All require some college and most are concentrated in health care, science and technology, and business fields.

**At No. 1, pharmacist is the best-paying job for women**, where they earn a median of \$1,898 a week or approximately \$99,000 a year. Women comprise more than half (56%) of all pharmacists and earn nearly as much as men in the job. Moreover, the field offers more than 10,000 annual openings and is expected to grow 25% by 2020.



Photos: Top 20 Best-Paying Cities For Women

"Pharmacy is known for paying very well straight out of school and all the way through your career," says Katie Bardaro, lead economist at compensation research firm PayScale. "It's a very good return on investment in terms of money and time spent on education."

While pharmacists must achieve a four-year professional degree and pass licensing exams, physicians and surgeons attend four years of medical school and complete three to eight years of internship and residency. Yet, for women, doctor comes in as the fourth highest paying job—behind pharmacists, lawyers (No. 2) and computer and information systems managers (No. 3)—with



## Photos: The 10 Best Jobs For Women In 2012

median weekly earnings of \$1,527 or about \$79,000 a year. They also earn 21% less than male doctors.

Bardaro explains that physicians face a much wider range of specialty and practice type. Men trend toward high-risk, high-paying areas like plastic and brain surgery, she says, while women are more likely to move into lower-paying specialties like general practice and pediatrics.

Even so, health-care jobs feature some of the best salaries, highest female representation and figure prominently on this list. Female nurse practitioners

(No. 6) earn a median of \$1,432 a week and hold 85% of positions. Women are also the majority of psychologists (No. 10), physical therapists (No. 12), occupational therapists (No. 13) and medical and health services managers (No. 16), and all earn more than \$60,000 a year.

**“It pays to be in a field that’s female-dominated,”** says Caren Goldberg, a management professor at American University’s business school in Washington, D.C., who studies gender and pay, “because in a large group of women you’re less likely to be seen as a ‘typical’ female and thus less likely to experience discrimination.”

The STEM fields—science, technology, engineering and math—also feature strong projected growth, high salaries and narrower gender wage gaps, but women are less likely to pursue them. Female software developers (No. 7) earn a median of \$1,388 a week, and female computer programmers (No. 11) earn \$1,238. Yet women make up just 18% and 20%, respectively, of these workers.

“STEM fields offer a lot of job opportunities, and we should encourage more women to move into them,” says Bardaro. She speculates that extremely male-dominated fields, like technology, feel less welcoming and open to women. “It’s hard to go against the grain.”

Traditionally male leadership positions have also been tougher for women to catch up in. Chief executive (No. 5) is one of the top-paying jobs for women, with median weekly earnings of \$1,464, or about \$76,000 a year. However, women hold just a quarter of these titles and earn 31% less than their male peers—a difference of \$658 each week. Similarly, female marketing and sales managers (No. 19) make 32% less than men in the job.

In Bardaro’s research into these occupations, even when factors like education, experience, location, industry and firm size are considered there remains a large wage gap that is likely only explained by discrimination. “When there’s a boys club, women don’t have strength in numbers,” she says. “Women are also known for being less successful at salary negotiations, and that gets even more pronounced as you move up the ladder.”

The good news, says Bardaro, is women’s high educational attainment has dramatically shifted the jobs and salaries available to them. “It takes time to

see major change, but I think we're finally seeing the fruits of our mothers' labor."

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 721-8269.

Sincerely,



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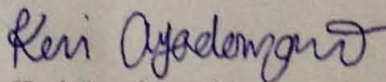
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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 349-5034.

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Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Kimberly Acierto and I am Specialist II for the Positive Youth Development and Independent Living Programs at Child & Family Service. **I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

I believe that the community centers provide a key resource to the island of Kauai. I have had almost 10 years of experience working within and witnessing the role of the community centers. I have seen citizens from all ages, from keiki to kapuna utilize the services offered through the community centers. I also believe that they provide a warm, inviting environment that is unlike any other business or clinical setting. Clients come to feel "at home" in these centers and many have come back to volunteer—as a way of giving back to the community. This instills a sense of pride and purpose in the work they do and the services they have received. I also see how information about the services offered is spread by verbal word of mouth referrals coming from people who have received services at one or both of the centers. In a small population such as Kauai, it is fitting to have the community centers be a beacon in the community where one can come for one-stop resources connection and support.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kb Acierto".

*Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children*

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 360.888.4364

Sincerely,



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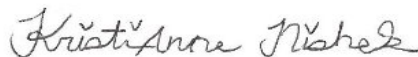
My name is KristiAnne Nishek and I am a student pharmacist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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The UHH-COP is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. The UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UHH-COP is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The UHH-COP has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. The UHH-COP claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

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My name is Kristina Lo and I am a second year student pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is vital for our college to have a permanent building because, not only is this College of Pharmacy one of the highest offered professional colleges in the University of Hawaii school system, it is the only College of Pharmacy in the Pacific Basin. This school has accomplished so much in such a short amount of time, has top-of-the-line faculty, and attracts top-notch students from within and out of the country. Yet, the college is under-valued due to the lack of a permanent building. Potential students are often deferred from choosing this College of Pharmacy for that reason, due to the concern for future accreditation status. A permanent building is also vital due to the current modular structure of the college. It is adequate for learning purposes, however, as a student, I have taken notice to the lack of social, meeting, and study space currently available not only for us as students, but for faculty. Students and faculty must often drive to several locations to hold student-professor meetings, conduct research, and hold lectures. In addition money put into maintenance and repairs of the modular facilities would be much better spent on a permanent building that would not only “adequately” serve the students didactic career, but would provide the space needed to fully take advantage of all the great opportunities this college has to offer.

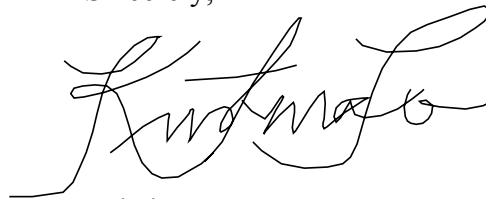
Not only is this building vital for future students at this college, in the big picture, it is vital to Hawaii’s community. The college is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. Students work endlessly to perform and organize community outreach programs and health fairs continuously throughout the year. The college has gained notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million “Pharm2Pharm” Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. Being involved with these community outreach programs has allowed me to come to understand and appreciate the importance of the profession of Pharmacy to this state and how much the community reaches back to the students at this College of Pharmacy with open arms and gratitude.

We are so close to achieving our goal of gaining a permanent home here in Hilo and the building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided, and it is The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP

priority for 2013-2014. The Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. Quoting the president Victor Lin of the Class of 2013, "An investment in the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy is an investment in healthcare, not only in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, but in the whole nation." I could not agree with this statement more. Although the establishment of this building will not affect me, I understand its importance to the future of this College of Pharmacy, its faculty and students, and the community.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this letter. Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-382-6375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Lo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Kristina Lo

34 E. Kawili Street #16  
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My name is Kristine McCoy, MD, MPH and I am a physician who teaches students of the UH College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Creating a permanent home for the College is critical to allowing all aspects of pharmacy education and research in Hawaii to flourish.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. In addition to those noted below, I wish to emphasize that it was located in Hilo in order to train pharmacists to better be able to serve the more rural areas of Hawaii, not just behind the counters of pharmacies, but as pharmacist clinicians I teams with physicians, nurses and other health professionals in clinics and hospitals that are critical to our medically underserved neighbor islands. As the organizer of the transdisciplinary training program known as the HHSC Primary Care Training Program, I see this coming to fruition under my roof. As I have emphasized in my testimony on HB 417 and SB 664 we cannot meet the primary healthcare needs of our state by training physicians alone. Only through transdisciplinary teams can we create the patient centered medical homes and coordinated care in hospitals and other health care settings that are needed for high quality, moderate cost care.

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- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
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- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-756-0739.



Sincerely,

Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH  
Residency Director  
Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency/  
Hawaii Island Family Health Center  
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My name is Kristy Nakamura and I am an Admissions Counselor at UHH CoP. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH CoP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) which is scheduled for a site visit next month. The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii. If this should occur, this would be the second pharmacy school to lose its accreditation in Hawaii (the first program, The Hawaii College of Pharmacy operated by Pacific Educational Services, has no connection to UHH CoP).

Please keep in mind that the College accepts between 80-90 students each year and along with the cutting-edge research our faculty is involved with, has estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The building plans were completed two years ago in 2011 and the UH Board of Regents has approved construction to take place once funding is secured. UHH CoP has also obtained support of private donors and started a building fund. Governor Abercrombie has personally visited our temporary facilities as well as past events and recognizes the importance of this program which explains why he made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH CoP building as it is crucial for the students, faculty, and Hawaii's local community to move forward in healthcare. If you have questions, please contact me on my cell phone at (808) 217-5006.

Sincerely,



Kristy Nakamura  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Larry Bradfish, and I am the father of Jasmine Bradfish, a second year pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii, College of Pharmacy. I strongly urge you to appropriate \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. While I understand that the University of Hawaii's pharmacy program is a very young program, the time has come for the Legislature to commit to this program by providing the funding needed to construct a permanent building to house the College of Pharmacy at the Hilo Campus. For more than five years, the College of Pharmacy has conducted a first class pharmacy program, but that program is hampered by the fact that the classes must be conducted in temporary classrooms that are really no more than double-wide trailers. Dean Pezzuto of the College of Pharmacy has worked tirelessly and successfully to make the University of Hawaii's pharmacy program a respectable nationally recognized program. It is now time for the Legislature to step up to its responsibilities and provide the classrooms and facilities essential to the continued success of this program. Without the construction of a permanent building to house the College of Pharmacy, the University of Hawaii will likely lose its accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

As a parent, I am extremely concerned about this. My daughter, and the several hundred other pharmacy students currently attending the University of Hawaii Pharmacy School, will incur up to \$200,000 in student loans by the time that they graduate. By the time that the 375 students in the College of Pharmacy have completed their four-year degree, they will have invested \$75 million in the University of Hawaii and the City of Hilo through tuition, books, and local living expenses. They need to know that their degrees will have value when they graduate. A degree from an unaccredited school will diminish the pharmacy graduates' job opportunities and make them less marketable in this tough employment environment. This is truly unfair to the students, especially when they are saddled with these huge debts. Put into perspective, the Legislature's appropriation of \$38 million for a permanent facility is very worthwhile investment.

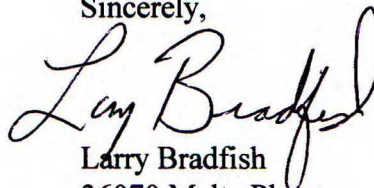
There are many other reasons why the University of Hawaii should maintain a high quality pharmacy program. The community of Hilo, as well as the Big Island and the state of Hawaii benefit from having a pharmacy school. For the City of Hilo, the revenue brought in by the students and faculty benefit the entire area. Many of residents of Hilo, that my wife and I have met, are very proud of the pharmacy school and happy to have a pharmacy school that their sons and daughters from Hawaii can attend. The addition of the pharmacy school to the University of Hawaii campus on the Big Island will help bring talented people and much needed recognition beyond the island of Oahu. The state of Hawaii benefits from having locally trained pharmacists

graduating from its own educational institution and staying on to provide valuable services to the people of Hawaii. The benefits to Hawaii from having pharmacy school have already materialized. The College of Pharmacy has secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

I urge you to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for the State of Hawaii. This would be a great loss to the State of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii, City of Hilo, and, of course to the students and faculty who have worked so hard to make the College of Pharmacy a nationally respected institution.

If you have questions, please contact me at this email address or by telephone at 510-494-9774.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Bradfish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "B".

Larry Bradfish  
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My name is Lara Gomez and I am the Director of Clinical Education at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported not only because its benefits are numerous, but also because we are training future health care providers in Hawaii, who will practice with compassion as well as cultural sensitivity. As Director of Clinical Education, I oversee the experiential curriculum; the clinical internships of all students as they progress from year 1 thru year 4. Students learn not just only in Hilo or East Hawaii but across the entire State of Hawaii, which provides for an invaluable experience.

- Students are immunization trained/certified so that they are able to assist with immunization clinics
- Students can complete rotations throughout the entire state during their summers and during their entire 4<sup>th</sup> year of pharmacy school. Here is an abbreviated list of sites that students are able to complete rotations and learn at: (note: not all sites are listed)
  - Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
  - State Hospital- Kaneohe
  - The Queen's Medical Center
  - Lau Ola Clinic- Department of Native Hawaiian Health
  - Maui Memorial Medical Center
  - Hilo Medical Center
  - Bay Clinic Inc (East Hawaii)
  - Wilcox Memorial Hospital
  - Physician Center Mililani
  - Independent and Chain retail sites

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-933-3860.

Sincerely,

*Lara Gomez*

Lara Gomez, PharmD  
UHH, The Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy

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My name is Laura Nishek and I am a Parent of a current UH Hilo Pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the legacy of Senator Daniel Inouye who's forward thinking help to create a world class education system in Pharmacy to educate students of Hawaii to become future leaders in the Pharmacy Medical Field which is much needed for our aging baby boomer population in Hawaii. Below are a few other key points on why this funding is so very important

- o UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 639-8214.

Sincerely,



Laura Nishek  
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My name is Laura Won and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.


The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. As a senior citizen, convenience and access in the neighborhood are very critical.

UHH-COP is the only college in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. This opens up the opportunity to be a pharmacist to Hawaii state residents. Prior to the establishment of UHH-COP, only the resourceful or financially strong students could travel to the mainland for a pharmacy education. Many opted to stay on the mainland and pursue their pharmacy professions. Hawaii lost many energetic, community minded professionals who chose to relocate to the mainland.

Hawaii needs to put priority in higher education. Both the University of Hawaii System and the Governor recognize the value of the UHH\_COP building. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UH Board of Regents has supported the UHH-COP building and construction is ready to go as soon as funding is approved.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 247- 2796.

Sincerely,



Laura Won

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My name is Laurie Bass and I am a HIT/HIE Manager. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is

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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-557-3042.

Sincerely,



Laurie Bass

28-535 Kulaimano Rd Pepeekeo Hi., 96783



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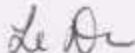
My name is Le Du and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The pharmacy program at UHH-COP is run and taught by world-class professors and administrators who provide top-notch education while promoting cutting edge research. Cancer research at UHH-COP is cutting edge and one of the best in the country. Aside from research, the program has also secured funding for community based projects that provide health care to Hawaii's underserved. UHH-COP attracts students, professors, and visitors from Hawaii, the continental U.S, and internationally, all who help contribute to an estimated \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

Having received my undergraduate education from a top 50 program according to US News, I feel certain elements about an educational program contribute to its prestige. I believe the UHH-COP program is on its way to becoming a top pharmacy program, but still needs support in order to achieve success. Having a permanent building designated to UHH-COP would help the program secure a spot as one of the top pharmacy schools in the nation and world, bringing prestige not only to the program, but to Hawaii as well.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 916-230-6089.

Sincerely,



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Testimony submitted by: Type Name Here**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Leah H and I am a Family Service Worker of Child & Family Service. **I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

As a Family Service Worker with Child and Family Service Worker, these neighborhood centers provide a safe and secure environment for our clientele and their families to meet. The resources provided through these centers also assist in support and growth in our clientele's rehabilitation. As a community member, it is reassuring to know that there are agencies and organizations available as a resource for specific services that an average person may not know. I truly believe in "it takes a village to raise a child," and that is all children of all ages, from 0 to kupuna.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah Ho".

**Leah Ho, Family Service Worker  
Child & Family Service**

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Aloha. My name is Lehua Miller and I am one of the Administrative and Fiscal Support members of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawai`i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawai`i.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The community health fairs are inspiring. You have no idea until you have witnessed a community health fair. If you see the people, of all ages, at a UHH-COP health fair, you will see the great impact of the caring and willingness that UHH-COP students and faculty have for the community. Another benefit is the Ke Ola Mau Health Career Pathways Program. It is a partnership between the Nā Pua Noe`au Program and UHH-COP and UHH Mānoa, which targets the Native Hawaiian student population in the health care related field. Personally, UHH-COP has opened up more doors for jobs. I am so thankful to be a member of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. All departments show their own strengths to continue on with the daily operations of the goals of UHH-COP. With keeping in mind of the legacy of the late Daniel K. Inouye, we are rejuvenated to show strong support of our college.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, staff and to Hawai`i's broad community. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-557-5501.

No`u me ka mahalo,



Lehua Miller  
34 Rainbow Drive, Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Leilani Isozaki and I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. It is the only College of Pharmacy in the state of Hawaii and allows residents of the state of Hawaii to attend a professional graduate school at a reasonable price. It has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. It claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. It has multiple student organizations that volunteer time towards helping the local and statewide community by providing health care opportunities.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (310) 850-4017.

Sincerely,

*Leilani Isozaki (electronic signature)*

750 Kaalo Place

Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** [Lillian Tavares](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** HB 200, HD1 relating to the State Budget Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2013 9:18:23 AM

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Hello my name is Lillian Tavares and I am a resident of the Big Island, a mother of 7 children, a student of Anthropology and a state employee at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

The UHH-COP must be supported because its benefits are numerous not only for the State of Hawaii but for the Pacific Rim Countries as well.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is an economic engine that is just beginning to build steam for the Pacific Rim and we have yet to see the rippling benefits. The college abounds with faculty researchers from all over the world such as Africa, Korea, Netherlands, France and Hawaii who are studying natural products specific to place for example the "poha berry". Students come from all over the world as well which introduces our community "the Big Island" to the global community.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy faculty and students play a critical role in community education such as teaching school age children about "rat lung disease", and medicine review/ management for residents in isolated communities such as Milolii. The work product of the college of pharmacy is not only counting pills but increasing awareness on the critical management of medicine.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building. I lost my county job after 17.5 years as the last few years were funded by a grant. I was unable to find work for 14 months on the big island. Although I am employed as an entry level clerk, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has provided me with employment.

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*Lillian Tavares*

**The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
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Ways and Means Committee Hearing

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**

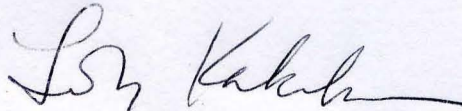
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My name is Lily Kamikihara and my daughter is currently attending the College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I strongly support the appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Without the funding for the building, the school could lose national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii. It will also reinforce the misconception that the State of Hawaii is "a third class US state" because it is unable to maintain the accreditation of its state university.

The UHH-COP must be supported. It is the only school in the Pacific offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. This allows the children of Hawaii a great opportunity to stay in Hawaii to become pharmacists. It also generates additional income for the State of Hawaii by drawing in out-of-state students from the United States and other countries. These students, both in-state and out-of-state, will develop ties with Hawaii. Many will choose to stay and benefit Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so important to the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



*Lily Kamikihara  
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Aiea, HI 96701*

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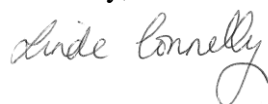
My name is Linda Connelly and I am a faculty member at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). I urge you to support appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the UHH-COP building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) which would lead to the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for the State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP is a state and Pacific-wide program. Our Pre-Pharmacy Program is open to all students regardless of their home institution and we support their entry into the PharmD program through advising and online classes. This has resulted in students entering our program after taking classes at universities and community colleges throughout the UH system as well as in Guam and American Samoa. Our broad impact is also felt through placement of our faculty, students and graduates throughout Hawaii and the Pacific. We have faculty working in hospitals in Hawaii, Oahu, Maui and Kauai – increasing the safe and effective use of medication for patients throughout the state. Our final year students work throughout the state and also in Alaska, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan. It is truly thrilling to see the impact of our program both on the lives of our students and their families as they become Pharmacists and on the members of the community that they serve.

Now that we have built our research program our impact is being felt beyond our PharmD program. Many of our faculty including myself are members of the UH Cancer Center and our experience and grant funding was a vital part of the renewal of the NCI-designation and P30 grant last year. In addition through our research program we can now offer biomedical research experience to students who would not previously have had this opportunity. I currently employ two undergraduate students (one from the Big Island and one from Oahu) in my laboratory through a grant I was awarded by the NIH/NCI. It is exciting to be training local students who will be among the future faculty at UHH-COP and other institutions throughout the state.

All of our faculty, staff and students have worked hard to take the UHH-COP to this point. Please do not let this effort be in vain by including \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building. If you have questions, please contact me (phone - 808-756-2985, e-mail – lindacon@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



Linda Connelly, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UHH-COP  
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My name is Linneth Bradfish and I am a mother of one of the current UHH Doctor of Pharmacy students. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

When my daughter was deciding which school to select and asked for our input in her decision, we thought that the University of Hawaii had the best school name recognition among all of them and recommended this school. The school's accreditation within a few months of her enrollment gave us confidence that UHH-COP was a wise choice. As with all bureaucratic processes, I can only assume that getting UHH-COP its accreditation must have taken a lot of hard work for a lot of people and a long time to achieve. Losing accreditation when the only requirement left is to have a permanent structure for the College of Pharmacy would be a big shame for the people of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii school system, the residents of the Big Island and a devastating blow to the students and graduates of the College of Pharmacy. It would also be an embarrassment to the memory of Senator Daniel Inouye.

The loss of accreditation will affect the future of all UHH-COP students, and with the loss of the school's reputation, their status and their ability to secure jobs in the health care work force will also be adversely affected. A few weeks in Hilo made me realize that this school is also direly needed by the residents of the Big Island to help its economy and to give the region a much needed boost in reputation and area recognition.

I hope you will think of how this will affect the students of the University of Hawaii and the people of the Big Island and decide to do the right thing and appropriate funding for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 510-494-9774.

Sincerely,

*Linneth Y. Bradfish*

Linneth Y. Bradfish  
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Fremont, CA 94536



To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Liz Chun, Early Education Policy Consultant

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 9:00 am, Conference Room 211

Subject: **HB 200: Relating to the Budget**

I submit this testimony **in strong support of funding for school readiness and the Executive Office of Early Learning to be contained within HB 200.**

Over the past twenty years advocates for young children have made the case repeatedly in front our legislators as to why a state investment in young children is a crucial long-term investment for Hawaii.

We have done studies showing both the Economic Impact and the Economic Benefit of Early Education and Care. We have brought in national experts from the Federal Reserve Board, from Washington DC advocacy groups, from other states that have implemented early learning program to testify as why this investment is economically the best one a state can make.

Parents have testified as to why early learning is so important to their children. Kindergarten teachers have reported why they feel children should receive early learning before they enter kindergarten. Business leaders who see the wisdom of this long-term investment are coming forward and willing to share their precious dollars to tell the case to others – such as in the BeMyVoice! Hawaii campaign.

Hawaii's Governor is committed to this cause and has assembled an excellent team within his office to spearhead the work.

What is preventing our legislature from supporting early education?

Six Issues and questions have been raised:

- **“The long-term costs are too great.”** Let this early learning program start, track its affect on children –success will be evident and potential future investment can then be determined. We have proof from other states and from local early childhood programs that have tracked children to know this does work. We have confidence in this investment. In fact, we know that for every \$1 invested the state will benefit \$4.20.
- **“We already spend money on early childhood.”** Wrong. The Open Doors program only serves 300 children and has a budget of less than \$1.3M. There are 16,000 children in every birth year – with over 40% of them not attending preschool prior to school entry. Our federally funded Head Start programs are at maximum enrollment. Kamehameha Schools educates some of our Native

Hawaiian children. However, many children are still not served and a large percentage of our young children are not Native Hawaiian, so they do not qualify.

- **“I didn’t go to preschool and I am fine.”** Visit a kindergarten class. The curriculum has changed dramatically even over the last 20 years. A child coming into kindergarten who has no books at home and has not been exposed to letters or numbers – is truly almost 2 years behind what that teacher expects. We wonder why – Hawaii nationally lags behind other states in 3rd grade reading scores. The other 39 states have figured it out – you must start early!
- **“Fix the K-12 system first.”** Part of the challenge of K-12 is that the K-3 years are spent on trying to have the children catch up. Children become discouraged and continue to lag behind. Starting early and working with parents of young children are critical components of the solution for many of the K-12 system problems such as high special education costs, high truancy, and high absenteeism.
- **“Gains fade out by third grade.”** Long-term studies such as Perry Preschool, Abecedarian, and Chicago Longitudinal Study prove this erroneous. Also with Hawaii’s strong P-3 work, our state is making great strides to address concerns as to potential fade-out impact after a quality early education start. Learning standards that are consistent as well as enhanced teacher training and support in the K-3 grades are foundational to Hawaii’s approach.
- **“Let parents do it.”** Parents want the best for their children. However, in Hawaii over 65% of parents with young children in the work force. Children are often in a random set of child care arrangements. There is excellent care provided by licensed family child care providers and grandparents who read, talk with, and engage young children in enriching experiences. Unfortunately this is not true for many, many children who come to kindergarten with no knowledge of books, with no counting skills, with no recognition of letters, with few language abilities. A quality early learning program will actually provide tools to support the families as their child’s first teacher. And - The early education programs allowable within the school readiness program must **include Family Child Interaction Learning (FCIL)** providers who dramatically increase the families’ involvement in their young child’s education.

So here we are. Please include funding so that the school readiness and early learning initiative can begin. Do not give up on so many of Hawaii’s children – before they even begin.

Contact Information: [lizchun@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lizchun@hawaii.rr.com)

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My name is Liz Heffernan and I am the Director of Student Services at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

The College of Pharmacy has a dedicated student body whose efforts are being recognized nationally. This year a student initiated project, The Pacific Islander Mobile Screening Clinic was recently selected for the highly sought after *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Student Community Engaged Service Award*. This group of students is out in the community positively affecting rural health care by conducted diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, as well as providing wellness and lifestyle counseling and referrals to accessible health care services. In 2011, Chris Lai Hipp, a Student Pharmacist in the Class of 2013 was selected for a prestigious national award, the *American Society of Health System Pharmacists Student Leadership Award*, in recognition of his impressive accomplishments. These are only two of many examples of how impactful our students are. Each semester I am in awe and genuinely humbled by the amount of time and commitment the College of Pharmacy student body contributes through volunteer - outside of class hours in efforts to improve the health of our community. A few more examples of this include:

- During the fall 2012 semester our student pharmacists delivered tobacco prevention presentations to over **600** fourth graders in East Hawai'i.
- Another student initiated project, the ALOHA Project over the course of this academic year has held **14 events** around Hilo and provided diabetes, cholesterol, BMI, and nutrition & exercise education to over 150 community participants.
- This academic year alone our students under the supervision of our incredible faculty have provided **767** Free Health Screenings (blood pressure, cholesterol, A1c, BMI)
- The CoP Student Pharmacist annual blood drive in 2013 generated **110** pints of blood for donation.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 933-7666.

Sincerely,

*Liz Heff*

Liz Heffernan  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Lori Hu and I am a proud parent of a graduate of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. My husband and I are in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The College is in need of this building to avoid the possible loss of accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

The benefits the UHH-COP brings to our State are numerous. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. Cutting edge research is being conducted by world-class professors, including cancer research. It is also the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

On a personal level, my husband and I are so grateful for the vision that Senator Inouye had for developing a college of pharmacy here at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Our son wanted to pursue a degree in pharmacy and UHH-COP enabled him to stay in Hawaii to pursue his degree rather than going to the mainland. He received an excellent education and was able to pay resident tuition. He now has a post-graduate fellowship with the FDA.

The college has come so far and was able to receive accreditation for the last two years under the guidance of Dean John Pezzuto. The continuance of this accreditation is tied to having a permanent building. It would be unfortunate if we lost this valuable asset to our State. Investing in this building now means investing in the future health, welfare and economy of our State.

Please consider this request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-937-7422.

Sincerely,



Lori Hu

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Kurtistown, HI 96760

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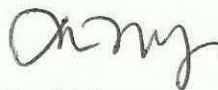
**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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My name is Lori Wong and I am a parent of a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The program is also beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)959-0421.

Sincerely,



Lori Wong  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Lotus Hubbard and I am a friend of a student at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is one of the few Pharmacy degree programs in the United States, it not only benefits the citizens of Hawaii, but it provides the educational experience required to insure that we will continue to have qualified pharmacists in the future.

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone at 612-272-3876.

Sincerely,

  
Lotus Hubbard,

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My name is Lynn Nguyen and I am a student of class of 2015 at UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy College. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate degree in Pharmacy. By having a building, it attracts world class professors and top notch students from the U.S. and internationally. There are many benefits to local communities and offering a response to the ever increasing number of diabetes and aging population. It is estimated to stimulate the economy in Hawaii about \$50 million per year and helps to foster the development Hawaii rural areas on Big Island both academically and educationally. Please consider the many benefits in funding the building for the UHH-COP and let mark the beginning of a successful and historical journey.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (520)-891-0180.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Nguyen', written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Nguyen  
Student Pharmacist 2015  
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My name is Madison Karr and I am a second year student at Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Just today, I, and many fellow pharmacy students, put on an entire health fair in the community of Miloli'i. Miloli'i is one of the last fisherman's villages in Hawaii. The residents of this community live very traditional and primitive lifestyles. They lack access to and knowledge about basic healthcare. That's where we come in. For the last 3 years, we have been providing screenings such as blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, HIV, and Hepatitis. We provide educational posters covering topics such as asthma, women's health, nutrition and more. We even have activities set up for the kids to inspire active living. Each year we touch more people, and help them lead healthier lives. This is just one example of the many extraordinary things that the College of Pharmacy students are performing. In addition to being the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, performing cutting-edge research, and being responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii, we advocate and care for our patients, building a stronger, healthier community.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 623-329-2326.

Sincerely,

Madison Karr  
70 Alahelenui St.  
Hilo, HI 96720





Date: 03/16/2013

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**Re: HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

**Dear Committee Members,**

My name is Mahavir Chougule and I am an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy, University of Hawaii (UH) at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

The continuation of pharmacy education and discovery in our state is one of the most important factors in creating tomorrow's healthcare professionals. Our UHH-COP is the only school of pharmacy in the Pacific region which provides the opportunity to all Island residents to enter healthcare. Our mission is to provide *first rate pharmacy education* and *medicinal discoveries* to improve the healthcare of citizens. We aim to become one of the top 25 schools of pharmacy in the nation.

The UHH-COP is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The UH System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The pharmacist graduated from our school will serve the Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

In addition, we all Faculty members are engaged in the biomedical research to find new therapies and targeted delivery of drugs for treatment of various types of cancer and asthma. We plan to avail these therapies to patient in Hawaii and other states through clinical trials. The UHH-COP has accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

*Therefore, I sincerely request to include the 38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.* I am also attaching herewith the letter for your reference. Please contact me at 808-933-2906 if you need more information. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mahavir B Chougule".

Mahavir B Chougule, Ph.D., M. Pharm., B.Pharm.  
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**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY** *Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, Regular Session of 2013, State of Hawaii

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**  
**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,**  
**Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Marcus Kouma, and I am a fourth-year student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. Moreover, the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has already had an impact in the community by providing health screenings and services to rural populations who would otherwise continue to go without. Furthermore, the College of Pharmacy has already achieved national acclaim and recognition by being chosen to manage and administer one of the seventeen Beacon Community Grants nationwide, securing \$16.2 million in research funding for the Hawaii Island Beacon Community; additionally the College of Pharmacy has also received a \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 430-1374.

Sincerely,



Marcus A. Kouma  
8 Waipuna Place  
Hilo, HI 96720

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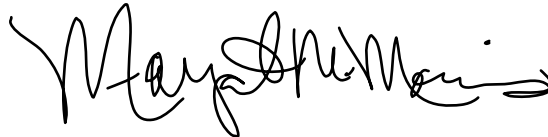
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My name is Margaret M. Morris and I am a resident of the Big Island. I am in absolute strongest support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Not providing funding for the building means the College will not be what it was created to do: strengthen neighbor islands to amass a healthier front for Hawai`i as a whole.

The UH Hilo CoP benefits should be obvious, but in case you don't understand the economic impact, faculty, staff and students bring in \$50 million to Hawai`i that **WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**. In addition, more than \$50 million has come to Hawai`i from federal funding that **WOULD NOT COME WITHOUT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**. It pays for itself, and gives the island something beyond tourism to offer future generations.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-333-2889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret M. Morris', written in a cursive style.

Margaret M. Morris  
146 Alawaena Way  
Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Mari Otis and I am a member of the Hilo community. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. They also have world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. The college of pharmacy is also estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)969-9037.

Sincerely,



Mari Otis  
33 Helani Place  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Mariangel Babbel and I am a wife of a COP student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The school also has a cutting-edge research program that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 801-735-5610.

Sincerely,



Mariangel Babbel  
23 Maemae St.  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Marilynn Ito-Won and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

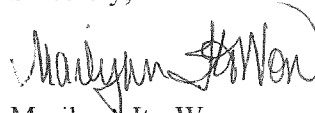
The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. Sometimes it is less embarrassing to describe local folklore on treatments to pharmacists with roots in Hawaii. Pharmacists can then use their professional knowledge to assess whether herbs and alternative "medicines" interact negatively with the prescribed prescriptions.

It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In the area of research, UHH COP conducts cutting-edge research that is being conducted including research on cancer. The College has been successful in getting research funding such as the Beacon Community Grant (\$16.2 million) and the "Pharm2Pharm" Grant (\$14.3 million) that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across in the Pacific region.

The leaders in Hawaii have recognized the importance of a permanent physical home for UHH – COP. The building project is ready to be built according to the UH Board of Regents as soon as funding is secured. The building for UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 247 8126.

Sincerely,



Marilynn Ito-Won  
45-345 Namoku St.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744



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My name is Mark Koizumi and I am a general dentist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

It is imperative that the State of Hawaii fosters and promotes post-graduate studies in healthcare fields, or face further healthcare personnel shortages in the future. The UHH-COP helps fulfill these needs and should be supported because its benefits are numerous. These benefits include:

- The UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- The school is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- It is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-935-1149.

Sincerely,

*Mark K Koizumi* D.D.S.

Mark K. Koizumi, D.D.S.  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Mark Mierzwa and I am a pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. This will benefit Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. Lastly, UHH-COP has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-306-0835.

Sincerely,



Mark Mierzwa, PharmD, BCPP

45-710 Kealahala Rd

Unit G, Pharmacy

Kaneohe, HI 96744

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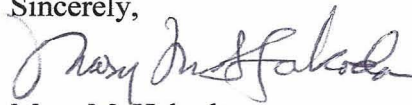
My name is Mary Hakoda. I strongly support appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-455-5467.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Hakoda  
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Pearl City, HI 96782

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My name is May Yu and I am a fourth year pharmacy student at Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only pharmacy school on the Pacific Basin, which carries a lot of meaning as we have contributed to its community by providing outreach programs to underserved communities and boosting Hawaii's economy by about \$50 million each year. Some of us have even done our rotations on other islands of the Pacific Basin, supporting and helping their communities while we learn and gain valuable experience at the same time. Leading research are being conducted by our faculty, such as breast cancer, lung cancer, neuroblastoma, rat lungworm disease, medication for tuberculosis, cardiovascular complications due to anti-cancer drugs, pharmaceutical manufacturing and research about Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health disparities. An investment for a permanent building is not only an investment to the school and students itself; it is an investment in Hawaii's well-being and future.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (415) 819-0558.

Sincerely,



May Yu  
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San Francisco, CA. 94112

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My name is Mei Guan Huang. I am the mother of Yan Lin, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Class of 2014) pharmacy student in the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the pacific basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. It is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. It is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. It has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. It claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-721-1908 or e-mail at [meighuang@gmail.com](mailto:meighuang@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

MEI GUAN HUANG

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Honolulu, HI 96817

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**HB200**

Submitted on: 3/15/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Bryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We would like to see the addition of AG122EC and AG122ED for positions to support efforts for biological control and pest response efforts. These efforts have proven extremely productive in the past and have saved both resources and the environment from herbicide and pesticide use to control insect and plant pests.

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**  
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My name is Michael White. I am a resident of the Puna District, south of Hilo on the Big Island. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Not providing funding for the building is not only a potential loss of national accreditation, but also denies our medically underserved area of much needed medical professionals. The Big Island's eastside is notoriously deficient when it comes to medical practitioners and medical establishments. People have a difficult time accessing doctors and knowledgeable medical professionals on any level. Second year – and higher - pharmacy students have been instrumental in providing blood pressure, cholesterol amongst other screenings in the community. The screenings offered by the College of Pharmacy have been well attended and extremely appreciated. For many of those served, it was their only access to medical attention.

The Big Island's eastside does not have any major employment and economic contributors outside of state, local and federal governments. The University of Hawaii at Hilo holds the promise for cultural exposure and greater opportunities for the community. We do not have much here and to deny our one and only crown jewel all the potential that it could be would be a major waste and a tacit statement that our college does not matter.

Please do the right thing and appropriate the funds for the Inouye College of Pharmacy building. i.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. Access to quality education should not apply to those living and being educated on Oahu.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.

If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 9828164.

Sincerely,



Michael White  
HC 3 Box 13135  
Keaau, HI 96749

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My name is Michelle Kim and I am a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. We have world-class professors and attract top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It is also the only Pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin and because of this we were able to get research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

This building project is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The planning is finished and is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents which will allow construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-937-3356.

Sincerely,



Michelle Kim  
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Hilo, HI 96720



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My name is Miho Aoki and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the UHH-COP building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The school is stimulating our economy and helping local businesses. But most importantly, it is providing more health care professionals for our local communities. The UHH-COP is very important to me because this is where I will finally be able to achieve my dream of becoming a pharmacist. As a student born and raised in Hilo, I was able to see how difficult it can be to access quality health care and that is what pushed me to pursue a career in the health care profession. The UHH-COP has made a positive impact on the community through our health fairs and our work in local hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies. The UHH-COP has also secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities throughout the State of Hawaii. Pharmacists are such an important part of the health care team and it is crucial that our school stays alive and strong in Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at 808-936-3428. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Miho Aoki  
1049 Kuahiwi Place  
Hilo, HI 96720

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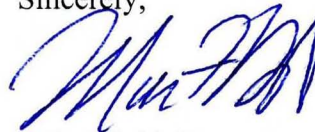
My name is Mimi Faith Pezzuto, and I am a resident of Hilo and college instructor. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is an economic and health care driver in a city that has little or no access to health care, very few doctors that are specialists, many people out of work, and the potential of losing a great economic driver from over 400 students and faculty. Restaurants, stores, hotels, apartments, all would feel the loss of potentially losing this program. In addition, the new building will create jobs for many people for years to come. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE LIVES OF 370 STUDENTS that could easily choose to go elsewhere. The college has PROVEN its value in its excellent rankings and receipt of over 30 million dollars just in Federal healthcare grants alone. In addition,

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
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Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone \_808-960-2498.

Sincerely,



Mimi Faith Pezzuto

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March 15, 2012

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Testimony submitted by: Type Name Here**

Senator David Ige and the Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani

My name is Momi Machado, and I have been working at Nana's House for Child & Family Service, a family center on the Westside of Kauai, for the last 13 years. I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change. The families on the Westside are pretty isolated and transportation is always an issue. Our family center is the hub on the Westside where they know that they can get connected to the services they need. They have easy access to our center and they feel comfortable coming in to see us to tell us what their needs are. They know they can get food, clothing, counseling, case management, parenting classes, SNAP applications, Head-Start applications, Healthy Start services, information and referral services, tobacco treatment services, Legal Aid services or just to come in and sit and chat with us or use our phone.

The island of Kauai is the only major island that still does not have funding for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers and the DHS budget hopefully will be able to support Neighborhood Places on Kauai. It is very important to have Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai as part of the social service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Families may initially come for food and clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives the support they need in a comfortable setting, they then are open to participating in much needed additional services. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services. These families are less likely to go to social service organizations for help because of the stigma associated with such organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Sincerely,

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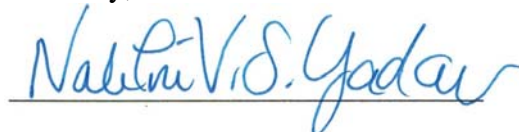
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My name is Nalini V. S. Yadav and I am a student in the PhD in Pharmaceutical Science program. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has excellent professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally as well as has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty and students, including cancer research. It is also the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The UHH-COP not only claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region but is also beneficial to Hawai'i's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided and is furthermore the University of Hawai'i System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone number 404-245-9130.

Sincerely,



Nalini V. S. Yadav  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Nancy Le and I am a University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the state of Hawaii that offers a pharmacy program. Due to its beautiful setting, it will attract many prospective students to attend the school which will further increase the state's revenue. Given a choice between a school in the east coast versus the warm, sunny beaches of Hawaii, students will definitely choose to attend Hilo. Due to a large senior population in Hilo, the College of Pharmacy will provide top-notch health care for everyone. Community events held throughout the year will provide the community with opportunities of free health screenings and to learn about medication safety. We can all make these dreams a reality, but first we need the funding to establish a permanent building for these students.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (714) 913-8839.

Sincerely,



Nancy Le  
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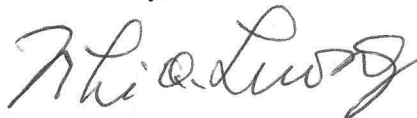
My name is Nhi Luong and I am proud of my daughter's decision to pursue her doctorate of pharmacy degree at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The college's contribution to Hawaii's economic activity is estimated at \$50,000,000 per year, an amount which already surpasses the funds being requested. Communities surrounding its area and other areas throughout Hawaii benefit from the economic stimulus provided by the college. These contributions could foreseeably grow each year if the school is allowed to develop and succeed.

Many students from all over the country, even internationally, make the decision to enroll in the University of Hawaii at Hilo specifically for the College of Pharmacy. With as much interest the College of Pharmacy brings from out of state, it presents an excellent opportunity to establish itself as a long term economic contributor as well establishing relationships and ties to the world abroad. The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is critical to the futures of these students like my daughter, and is vital to Hawaii as much as it is today as it will be for decades to come.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 916-548-5868.

Sincerely,



Nhi Q. Luong  
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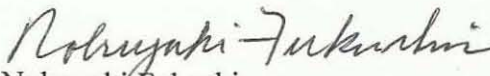
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My name is Nobuyuki Fukushima and I am a family member of a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The college of pharmacy is also estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)959-7546.

Sincerely,

  
Nobuyuki Fukushima  
304 Iwalani Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

**From:** [Norman Skinner](#)  
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Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

My name is Norman Skinner, and I am a resident of Hilo. I strongly urge this committee to support the funding for the College of Pharmacy building. My son, a junior at Hilo High School, is very intent to study Pharmacy at UHH. If the program is put in jeopardy, he would not be able to fulfill his dream of becoming a pharmacist. The program is a huge benefit to our community, and to deny funding at this point would be a mistake. We will be happy to see the funding approved, and trust our elected officials to support the UHH-COP.

Thank you very much,

Norman Skinner  
20 Akekeke St  
Hilo, HI 96720



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My name is Okezie Irondi and I am a Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and is appropriately named after the great Daniel K. Inouye. I believe appropriating the funds for the building is a great way to honor Daniel K. Inouye's legacy because his vision was to have a professional Pharmacy Program on the Big Island of Hawaii. In addition, the Pharmacy school is responsible for stimulating an estimated \$50 million dollars a year in economic activity for Hawaii. This sort of activity will bolster the financial outlook of the local community. Most importantly, appropriating the funds for the building will help continue the goal of the Pharmacy Program, which is to train competent health care professionals to serve the needs of the community especially the ever-increasing and aging population of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (562) 841-1299.

Sincerely,



Okezie Irondi  
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Pamela Funai  
Pkicks2@hotmail.com

Senator David Ige, Chairman  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

My name is Pamela Funai and I am a parent of a student at Kaiser High School as well as an alumni. As an International Baccalaureate World School and AVID National Certified School, Kaiser is committed to providing students with a strong academic and co-curricular program. To help us fulfill this commitment I ask you pass HB200.

Kaiser High School is in great need of a new field-turf and track for the following reasons:

- 1) Safety; field-turf will provide better cushioning, level playing field, full area coverage and
- 2) Cost savings; Current expenses include fertilization/aeration (2K), maintenance (AD/custodian), water usage

Your support of HB200 will not only support Kaiser High School, but others in the community including Windward Elementary, Kaimuki High, Kalani High, Anuenue, High Schools, Special Olympics, community groups, and school sponsored events. Please support the passage of HB200.

Thank you for supporting Hawaii schools and for taking the time to consider my request.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Funai

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My name is Dr. Pascale Creek Pinner and I am a public school teacher. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. I teach science and encourage my middle school students to do science fair projects every year. This year, my son worked with Dr. Robert Borris, who is one of the many world-class professors at the College of Pharmacy. This experience has broadened my son's horizons with the thought of a science career in his future. Additionally, I worked with Dr. Susan Jarvi, to develop age-appropriate curriculum highlighting the global issue of rat-lung disease which is being piloted in elementary schools that work with me on the federally funded Math/Science Partnership Grant – Frameworks to Success in Science here in the Hilo Complex. Interest in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics are integral to our economy. Providing educational opportunities to our local students in these fields will strengthen our local community.

The cutting edge research of global concern that is being conducted by faculty like Dr. Borris and Dr. Jarvi, needs to be supported. Touching our local students with experiences in science so that they can attend college here, and with some, become students & graduates of the College of Pharmacy should be upmost on your priority list. Too often we lose our local students to schools on the mainland. Once gone, many do not return. This is simply not an investment in our local economy or future. The College of Pharmacy is the only school in the Pacific Basin that offers a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In addition, this doctorate is currently the only doctoral program currently available in Hilo.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at [Pascale\\_Pinner/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:Pascale_Pinner/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us)

Sincerely,

*Pascale Creek Pinner*

Pascale Creek Pinner, PhD

National Board Certified Teacher (N.B.C.T.)

2008 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year

2004 Presidential Awardee in Science Teaching

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My name is Patricia Juszczak and I am a resident of Hawaii and a member of the faculty at the College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

In June 2011 the college was granted full accreditation despite not having a permanent building for the college, in part by showing evidence of strong commitments for building development. ACPE continually assesses the program to ensure educational standards are met and another survey is scheduled for April 2013. Although we are grateful for the temporary modular buildings, without a permanent facility for the COP the ACPE may not extend accreditation. The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

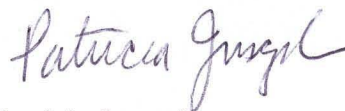
The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and provides for our local students to stay home in Hawaii and attend college at a very reasonable cost.
- Students who gain their degree here in Hawaii are more likely to remain here as pharmacists and provide much needed healthcare to the people of Hawaii. These pharmacists will be prepared to support healthcare needs during times of physician shortages and provide for drug therapy management and work collaboratively as physician extenders for wellness checks. This is of vital importance during these times of an ever-increasing and aging population.
- The college helps to improve the life of the people in our rural communities by serving the health care needs of the people in the State of Hawaii. This is done during outreach, health and wellness fairs, and public education sessions. Students and faculty work in retail, hospital, and ambulatory care practice and clinics.
- Efforts of the UHH-COP continue to result in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce healthcare costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.
- Cutting-edge research is being conducted at the UHH-COP, including cancer research.
- Economic impact study data showed that the UHH-COP is responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the State of Hawaii, UHH-COP students and faculty. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-933-3850.

Sincerely,



Patricia Juszczak  
200 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720

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- The University of Hawaii at Hilo has seen an increase in enrollment throughout these four years. This results in an increase in college graduates which would provide better educated people for the State of Hawaii.
- The more immediate impact is the stimulation of economy for the city of Hilo. The nationally recognized companies such as Safeway and Target have seen the potential growth of Hilo. These companies have provided hundreds of jobs for the people of Hawaii.

The late Daniel K. Inouye had a dream that this pharmacy school would improve the whole State of Hawaii and I believe that this dream has already come into fruition. He has done his part and now it is our responsibility to keep it going.

The pharmacy school needs funds in order to put in a permanent building to continue its national accreditation on the request of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

Therefore, please reconsider this request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to the State of Hawaii. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-822-3600.

Sincerely,



*Paul Brian Narciso, Pharm D  
Kapaa Pharmacy-1543 Kuhio Hwy #G  
Kapaa, HI 96746*

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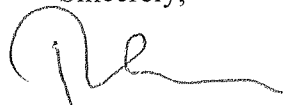
My name is Paul K. Hamano and I am an attorney practicing in Hilo, Hawaii. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

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It is important to understand that this is not a typical CIP project of building yet another building or classroom. This is a unique project that establishes a one of kind university professional school that is currently headed by a nationally renowned Dean in John Pezzuto. Unique opportunities to permanently enhance economic activity in Hawaii, create a new professional program in our higher education system, and to promote the prestige of Hawaii in the medico/research sciences does not come often or easily, especially in Hawaii. Despite difficult budgetary constraints, this CIP project is unique and time sensitive and deserves your most careful consideration for funding.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-935-3336.

Sincerely,



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PAUL K. HAMANO

160 Paukaa Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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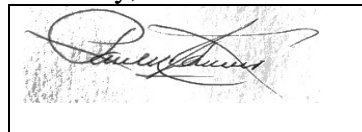
My name is **Paul N Tallett** and I am the retired manager of HMSA Big Island. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- We have not had enough time or notice for our public input on such a crucial issue.
- Without the new building we could loose the accreditation for the College of Pharmacy.
- The funding was promised over a year ago and Dr. Pezzuto guaranteed the accreditation committee over a year ago that the building would have been started at this time.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-969-7753.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Paul N Tallett".

Paul N Tallett  
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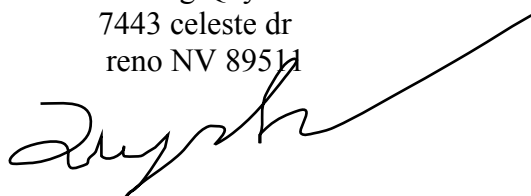
My name is Phuong Q. Doan and I am a pharmacy student.  
I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (*complete this paragraph by stating positive factors in your own words using a few examples from below. You can also add your own supportive statements*).

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 7758484202.

Sincerely,  
Phuong Quynh Doan  
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My name is Quoc Linh Tran and I am a student at University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It will allow for many job opportunities. In addition, this will attract many students from all over the country to come to Hawaii for studying pharmacy which will bring in revenue for the whole state. Needless to say, the parents of students will come and spend money to help support the student. I, as a parent, hope to someday have children who will grow up and attend the pharmacy program in Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (714) 697-8156.

Sincerely,



Quoc Linh Tran  
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My name is Randall Mizo and I am the father of Tiffany Mizo, 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy student (Class of 2014). I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree. It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research. In addition, the UHH-CoP has claims to notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. The opening of this pharmacy program has estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UHH-CoP is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 533-7688.

Sincerely,



Randall Mizo  
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My name is Raymond Okaniwa and I am a first year student (P1) in the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy program. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because there is so much potential and it would be a great loss to lose a program that is highly organized and provide the finest professors and courteous staff members. The continuous flow of students not just from top universities in Hawaii, but also from top Universities from out of state, would no doubt be a great asset to the state of Hawaii. It is estimated that the COP is responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii, including travel, living, and dining expenses not just from the students, but from their visitors as well. Personally, maintaining accreditation means a great deal for me for I have been through so much obstacles in life to get here. Losing this accreditation would literally have dire consequences to me not just financially, but also to my hope of becoming independent despite challenges I have to face with my health.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via phone: 562-607-4045.

Sincerely,

Raymond Okaniwa  
Student Pharmacist  
UHH-COP c/o 2016

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My name is Reinhold Penner, MD PhD, and I am the Director of the Center for Biomedical Research at the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

I have just returned from a visit to the UHH-COP and have seen the scattered locations of the laboratories and lecture rooms as well the poor conditions of some of the temporary facilities. Yet the faculty working in these facilities are conducting world-class research and teach exceptionally bright students. The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Not only are its missions and activities beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population, but they also contribute to the critical mass of researchers that are needed to drive research activities at the John-A-Burns School of Medicine, the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, and the emerging biotechnology sector. This is of vital importance to the scientific and economic development of our State.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 728-5366.

Sincerely,



Reinhold Penner, MD PhD

*Director, Center for Biomedical Research*

*Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology*

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My name is Renrick Tulloch and I am a Computer Consultant. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

- Having world-class professors which attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. This has the effect of attracting research companies to the islands not only for it's beautiful climate but also for it's educated workforce.
- It's estimated it would be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. These numbers speak for themselves.
- I personally worked with several of the faculty members as a computer consultant. To have a central location would allow us to better serve the students, faculty, and researchers. It would also allow students easier access to the faculty and to see what the researchers are working on. At the current moment the Pharmacy school is spread over several miles and for those students which don't have vehicles it makes it very difficult to go and see some of the research and special projects that are being worked on (since the nature of the equipment being used can not be moved and must remain stationary). Transportation can be a problem, I know this first hand since I personally never had a vehicle while I attended my own university several years ago.
- The school is well on it's way to being recognized nationally with several awards already, notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. A central building would only attract more students along with funding.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 909-742-9252.

Sincerely,



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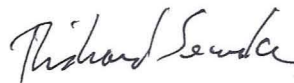
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Greetings! My name is Richard Sewake, 83 years of age, and I am a retired stock broker who has a granddaughter in the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy program. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. It only makes sense to support a program that can only be good for Hawaii now and in the long term future. We cannot afford the risk of losing its accreditation that could mean the end of the program. That would be a great tragedy!

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are undeniable. It has been a great program and to see my granddaughter studying so hard to complete the stringent requirements of the doctorate degree makes me proud of her and also glad that this program exists in Hawaii for all of our keiki. The program is truly beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population and our Kupunas. We want to offer our children and grandchildren the opportunity to have a better future and we can provide that education for a highly professional field right here at home.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-622-1330.

Aloha,



Richard Sewake  
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Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786



To: Ways and Means Chair and Vice Chair  
Senator David Ige Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani Vice Chair

CC: Suzanne Oakland Chun, Donovan Dela Cruz, Kalani English, Will Espero,  
Gilbert Kahele, Gilbert Keith Agarao, Ronald Kouchi, Russell Ruderman, Laura  
Thielen, Jill Tokuda, Sam Slom

From Rodney Iwasaki Athletic Director Kaiser High School

RE: HB 200

Dear WAYS and MEANS Chair David Ige and Vice Chair Michelle Kidani

I would like to first introduce myself. Rodney Iwasaki the Athletic Director of Kaiser High School (past five years). Prior to coming to Kaiser, I was with the Safety and Security Division for the State and prior to that the Athletic Director at Roosevelt High School.

I would also like to thank and apologize to our legislators that introduced/presented HB 1465 for not testifying on behalf of that bill which was a project to have "Field turf and an all weather track" at Kaiser High School.

For Today, I would like to provide testimony to support both HB 200 to begin design work in the year 2014 instead of the projected study in the year 2015. If the study can be done as quickly as possible then the potential of the project breaking ground could be a very positive planning proposal for everyone that uses Kaiser High facility as their home site for the many, many activities.

There are many reasons for this project to move forward and **YES** it is a really good project for Kaiser High School but not only for Kaiser High School but for so many other groups from other school districts, the eastside community, and the OIA League will definitely benefit from a stadium/track and field on the Eastern Side of Honolulu.

The community groups from Eastern Oahu and from other parts of the island: Such as; Windward Elementary School. They (Windward District Schools) have used Kaiser for their physical education program for the past five years that I have been the AD at Kaiser. Prior to my assignment at Kaiser, the Windward Games for Elementary Schools in the Windward District have had the games here at Kaiser High with appx.. 200 or more student/athletes enjoying the facility for the past fifteen (15) years.

Japanese Language School: The Japanese School use of Kaiser Field/Track is for their fitness, culture, family gathering, show casing their Japanese language school and their many fun activities. Appx. 300 or more family and students participate in their annual Field and Fitness day here at Ted Fukushima Stadium.

Cross Country Marathon Invitational. One of the events that Kaiser High School has hosted as a community service running meet is this invitational meet held during the preseason of the cross county schedule. OVER 1500 runners from all divisions running a three mile course using the field, track, school campus, parking lot then returning to finish the race on Kaiser's Football field.. What a event.. What a thing to see . What an experience for the hundreds and hundreds of participants from high schools, middle schools from OAHU, mainland USA, neighbor islands, the ILH private school league, and our own OIA League.

OVER 1500 participants running in the open boys/girls, novice boys/girls and Middle School Run.. I understand that there is a push to begin a middle school league in football, basketball, track, soccer etc.. One of the schools that will be used as a site.. WILL BE Kaiser.. Again .. All that we are now asking for is not only for Kaiser High but for the thousands of young men and women that are ALREADY enjoying and participating very strongly in their competition of games and activities. These activities are already held on this eastside campus of Kaiser High School.

Summer Soccer: Our coaches conduct clinics for youth and for our returning Kaiser High athletes. These clinics are Free. Our girls soccer coach opens up his clinic to anyone that wants to learn how/play the sport.. There are keikis age five (5) years old out there on a Sunday morning enjoying his and the volunteer coaches/staffs guidance. The AYSO and HYSA teams have also used this site for community team practices/games.

All Comers Clinic. The past two years, Kaiser Athletics has opened their facility to the East and Honolulu District Schools (elementary and middle) to participate in a FREE All Sports Clinic. We have had the professional football players running drills with over hundred young men/women. We had our college soccer players returning to give back to the project.. there were appx. thirty soccer participants. Our girls/boys basketball coaches had close to fifty girls/boys doing basketball drills and our volleyball coach had participants from different clubs and schools doing drills and having FUN doing it. Our track coaches conducted special events workshop. The cheerleaders were teaching basic stunting (cartwheels) and other dance routines.

Summer Track. There are two (2) programs currently using the track facility during the summer months. The Hawaii Kai Track Club and the East Side Renegades Track Club are very active during the summer with appx. fifty or more young potential athletes warming up and practicing for their big summer track meets.

Special Olympics: The Special Olympics Regional Games have been held at Kaiser High School for the past two years. The coordinator of the event is very happy that the Special Olympics Committee can plan ahead and have just one date for the four areas of

competition. (weight lifting, swimming, basketball and track/field). All of these competitive programs are conducted on one day all at one site (Kaiser High). In previous years, the Special Olympics Committee had to plan for three separate weekends placing these programs at different sites during the month of March. The event being on one day and at one site makes it easier for the volunteers from the community, volunteering teams from Kaiser and the Military to commit to this very worthy event for our student/athletes participating in the Special Olympics.

**Semi Pro and Eight Man Football:** The Semi Pro and Eight Man Football are two separate organizations that have used the football field these past two seasons. Their league gives young men that have that desire to participate in a full competitive football game a chance to live their dreams. There are former University of Hawaii players or Community League Players from the local high schools, those that just want to compete and people from Mainland USA.

**International Rugby:** The International Rugby Association has asked Kaiser for permanent dates on their international championship calendar/bracket. The past two years, teams from Tonga, Australia, Samoa, U.S. America and our own Hawaii State Rugby teams have played here at Kaiser. Their use of Ted Fukushima Stadium was for three solid days of Rugby. OUR own high school division from HAWAII won their games to represent the USA in this year's International Level of Rugby.

**NFL:** This past year, the NFL Combine Organization came to Kaiser to evaluate the field and facility. The committee members loved the location, the parking area, the size of the field facility but questioned whether or not the field will be fixed up by their participation date. I told them at this meeting. We have plans for and will lobby our legislators but till that time we aerate the field, kill the larger clumpy weeds, we fill/cover the entire field with topsoil (inch) and then we water./ fertilize. Kaiser Girls Soccer and Football field have planted grass in bare spots and have taken up the "hoe" and dug up the stubborn goose weed that thrives on all fields in Hawaii.

The most important information about Kaiser's Field and Track is about the use from the many, many, many games held here during the school year. This is very similar to the Roosevelt Project done in 2007-2008 school year. Roosevelt High School hosted: McKinley, Kaimuki, Farrington, and their own schools football, track and soccer games during their school season. Kaiser High is in the same situation as we host Kalani, Anuenue, Kaimuki, McKinley (preseason games) Farrington (preseason and one regular season) and our school's Kaiser Home games for football, track, and soccer.

Football with the home games for each of our four (4) high schools.. we will have approx. sixteen (16) varsity football games and twelve (12) junior varsity football games. This is a total of close to thirty (30) games for football.. and this is not counting post season championship contest that are also held here at Kaiser.

Kaiser High School's Soccer programs hosted five (5) girls varsity soccer games and five (5) junior varsity soccer games and five (5) boys varsity soccer games. (the league

doesn't have a boys jv program). The preseason tournaments and games for both girls and boys are an additional twenty five (25) games.. Five (5) days of invitational tournament for our Girl's Soccer Program.

Track: In the year 2012-2013. Kaiser High School played host for a total of fourteen (14) track meets. These were both practice and competitive track meets with the final two day OIA Championship Meet held at Kaiser. The number of track teams (schools) were eleven (11) from the East and for the OIA Meet a total of twenty two (22) schools participating on our current track surface.

This year 2012-2013. Kaiser will host seven (7) meets, with three (3) of these meets being of championship caliber . The total number of student/athletes coming to participate and practice at Kaiser will number in the thousands.

The question, when you read these facts on the number of events held here at Kaiser is the "why" Why wasn't an earlier project planned for a school that services the community, groups from other communities, the OIA League and other private groups earlier before this legislative session of 2013? I asked this very same question when I arrived a short five (5) years ago and before I leave, it would be a great project to work on and see the birth of a joint adventure happen at this well used facility.

The field and track projects in recent years at other schools will serve their school and not too many other groups from the league or community. Roosevelt's project is the only other school besides Mililani that will host another school for football and track. The Castle project may/maynot host a neighboring school for football due to another school host in that same area. The Radford project may host other track meets but the field will not be the all weather turf surface but grass when their project is completed in 2015.

If, I could send a picture, of me on my knees begging you to move the planning portion of this project to the year 2014 .."I WOULD" I will get down on my knees and thank all of YOU.. If you could bring back the planning for HB 1465.. then I would ask you to please move the project HB 1465 back into the "LIGHT" and to move the start date to 2014. Give this project a new beginning and when we are done with everything.. We ALL will understand the importance and the justification of this letter.

MAHALO

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Phone 394-1200 x 5 Athletics  
Cell Phone 728-5340 Please call me if you have any questions.. I thank YOU.  
ONE TEAM ONE FAMILY

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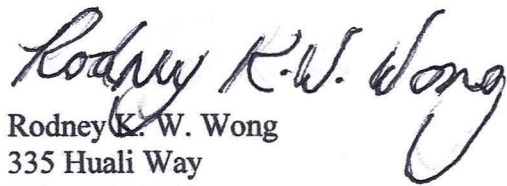
My name is Rodney Wong and I am a retired teacher, an active musician and a senior citizen. I am writing in support of the Pharmacy program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I urge you to please appropriate the \$38 million in CIP funds for the construction of a building for the School of Pharmacy.

Without the building, the pharmacy program will lose it's accreditation with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. This would certainly kill the program which is the only one in the Pacific Basin that offers a doctorate degree in Pharmacy. The program is staffed with world class professors and attracts excellent students that come from home and abroad.

The Pharmacy school generates approximately \$50 million per year in economic activity. The school also secures grants such as the \$14 million "Pharm 2 Pharm" grant which reduces health care costs and improves health care delivery across the state. The community will benefit from the excellent research being done at the school. Another benefit is the school will provide the community with more health care professionals, especially for the increasing number of seniors.

I humbly ask that you please give consideration to my request to include the \$38 million in the CIP for the College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Thank you.



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Our names are Ronald and Vickie Wendel. We are parents of a student pharmacist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and are writing to ask your support for this unique medical program and for your vote for funding of a permanent pharmacy school building on the Hilo campus. As a new school, approval from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is imperative for continued success, success that has already been recognized as an outstanding program by US World and News Report (March 2012). With the very first graduating class, the pharmacy program at Hilo was ranked in the top five new pharmacy programs in the nation. When Hilo's program is ranked against all pharmacy programs in the United States, 135 of them, Hilo is already ranked as the 75<sup>th</sup> best school in the nation and there have been only two graduating classes—this alone gives evidence of the quality of this program. Imagine what the future can hold for a program off to such an impressive start!

No funding for a permanent building for the pharmacy campus at Hilo puts that future in jeopardy. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) looks for permanent buildings insure the program will continue. If funding is not granted to break ground and get a building started on the Hilo campus, the ACPE may well rescind their accreditation approval and deny Hilo, the state of Hawaii, and the entire Pacific basin the benefits these upcoming medical professionals could provide.

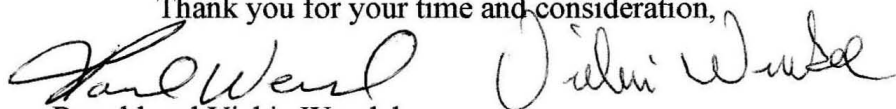
Recently, student pharmacists in Hilo won a National Award from the American Association of College of Pharmacy (AACP), the Student Community Engaged Service Award. This award recognizes students who work to design and build a program of community-engaged service learning that delivers consumer education about medication use and expands access to affordable medications to improve public health. The award winning program is the Pacific Islander Mobile Screening Clinic (PIMSC) through the use of health fairs and wellness clinics where students conducted diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, providing wellness and lifestyle counseling and referrals to accessible health care services.

That's just the first of what is certain to be many more awards and recognitions for such an outstanding program still in its infancy! The potential for this program and its graduates is destined to become a crown jewel in the University of Hawaii's system.

That is only if the school receives the necessary funding for a permanent building and retains its accreditation.

While we as parents of an outstate pharmacy student are not your constituents, you have no obligation to us. Your obligation is to the people of Hawaii, many of whom benefit from having the pharmacy program at Hilo through an estimated \$50 million of economic activity each year. This is a "shovel-ready" project; ground could be broken within a matter of weeks from funding approval, providing even more jobs and economic benefits on the Big Island. Our daughter has changed her residency as she will be seeking a job in Hawaii after graduation. She is and will remain your constituent, as are the people of the Big Island. It is for these people—and those who will benefit from Hilo medical students and their expertise—that we ask you to support with your vote for funding for a permanent building for the College of Pharmacy at Hilo.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Ronald and Vickie Wendel

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**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**  
**Support Appropriation of \$38 Million in CIP Funds for University of Hawaii at Hilo,**  
**Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Ronald K. Okamura and I am a retired Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The school is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever increasing and aging population. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The faculty is conducting cutting-edge research , including cancer research, and has secured over \$30 million in research funding for various projects to improve health care for our state.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-391-8418 or e-mail rkorph@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 3/18/2013

Testimony for WAM on Mar 19, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support amending HB200 HD1 with an appropriation of \$38 million in CIP funds for a permanent building for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). Mahalo nui loa.

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My name is Rosa Quan and I am a student at University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP). I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the UHH-COP building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii and would have a tremendous negative impact on the state's economic growth.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is estimated to be responsible for stimulation about \$50 million per year in economic activity for the state of Hawaii since the opening of the school. Not only did it help grow Hawaii's economy, but it also has immensely benefited the state's numerous rural communities. Without the school's various free outreach programs and health fairs, many residents of Hawaii would be able to receive much needed health screenings and education. The school has also secured research funding, such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve health care delivery for communities across the state. UHH-COP is also the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, to Hawaii's broad community, and to the state's economic growth. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (858)717-3909.

Sincerely,



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My name is Rowena Estores, and I am a Speech/Language Pathologist for the Department of Education. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. As Hawaii's population continues to age, more health care professionals are needed. As a Speech/Language Pathology graduate from UH-Manoa, I understand the effects of shortages due to lack of accredited university programs as my field continues to be affected by lack of qualified professionals. Continued accreditation is extremely important for our UHH-COP program, and a lack of permanent building is a potential loss of accreditation for the school.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 383-5754.

Sincerely,



*Rowena Estores*  
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Hello, my name is Roxanne Sewake and I am a Class of 2014 Pharmacy Student at UH Hilo. I will soon begin my final year rotations. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. This college and a degree from an accredited Pharmacy program means so much to me as I have spent many, many sleepless nights studying volumes of information seven days a week, that the potential loss of accreditation would be devastating to me, as well as my pharmacy classmates. I have made many life-long friends in this program as we have all struggled and felt the pain of studying, endless tests, and meeting highly professional standards commensurate with our profession. These challenges have only made us better individuals who are ready to join the workforce and provide health care for our communities.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Being a student, I know that the professors are world-class and the program attracts the best students from the U.S. and from abroad. Our professors are conducting innovative research that includes cancer research. One can only imagine what the future holds for UH in developing ground-breaking medical discoveries if the state can just support it now, in its critical time of need. This is the only program of its kind in the entire Pacific Region and we need to support it as many of us local students who graduate will be working here at home and be contributing to the state's economy. We will be the ones who will be supporting the growth and development of the college and UH through our volunteerism and our monetary contributions to their Foundations. As students going through the program, we already do a lot of volunteer work in the communities by educating the public on health care.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-936-5944.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Sewake  
UHH-COP Class of 2014  
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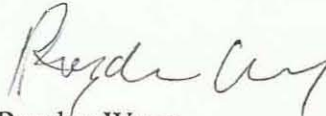
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My name is Royden Wong and I am a parent of a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The program is also beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)933-1077.

Sincerely,



Royden Wong  
1031 Puku Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Russell M. Arikawa and I am a Realtor in Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

Please support the UHH-COP because its benefits are numerous. The economy in the entire State of Hawaii is not in the best state. The Pharmacy program was estimated to provide \$50,000,000.00 for Hawaii. As you are aware, Hilo leads the state in unemployment. With the building projects, which the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has lined up, the effects are too numerous to mention by words alone. Our people will have jobs. With jobs comes money to pay bills and purchase necessary items to live on. The money that the projects generate in the community will provide small businesses to survive, thus generating more jobs. In my field, what this means is that we will be blessed knowing that the soon to be Pharmacists need places to live while obtaining their degree and we will not have vacant properties. All of this, plus bragging rights for the State of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. This will also bring in more professionals in the health care area, which is sorely lacking not only in Hilo but also in the entire Island of Hawaii. Domino effect at the highest!

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-969-1471, or email me at [russell@ginozarealty.com](mailto:russell@ginozarealty.com).

Sincerely,

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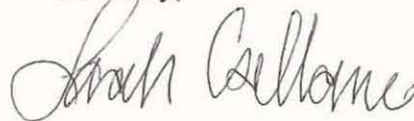
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My name is Sarah Osellame and I am a College of Pharmacy class of 2016 student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. And is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

As the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014; please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (406) 207- 6117.

Sincerely,



Sarah Osellame  
311 Lehua St. Apt. #A  
Hilo, HI 96720

To: Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and committee members Senate committee of Ways and Means.

Subject: HB200, HD1

March 19, 9 a.m. Conf Room 211

I am Scotty Anderson, a former member and former Chair of the State Contractors License Board (CLB). After seeing firsthand the success in California, both financially as a form of protection for consumers, it was my idea to advance the idea of forming a taskforce to enforce the contracting laws of our state and to provide consumer protection, all the while adding to our state and county tax dollars and fees which rightfully should be collected.

In order to reach more of the general public a media campaign would provide a great avenue to reach out to the public who, for the most part, are somewhat unfamiliar as to the consequences of the problems when using unlicensed people to perform work for which a proper license is required.

In my eight years on the CLB, no subject brought all contractors together more, union and non-union than the subject of unlicensed activity.

The contractor's education fund currently has a significant amount of money and using a small amount (\$40,000) will not have a negative affect on the fund. Our licensed contractors, who are the ones who fund the education fund through their license fee, agree that this is money well spent.

Imagine a successful taskforce adding to the state and county coffers without raising taxes, but collecting the legitimate taxes owed, and the small amount taken from the education fund, which already exists, being put to truly good use.

I ask you to please support the taskforce, and to please allow it to do its job by putting funds from the education fund back in this measure.

Sincerely,

F.M. Scotty Anderson  
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Honolulu, Hi 96821

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My name is Sean Matsuwaka and I am a medical student at the University of Hawaii John A Burns School of Medicine. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is already an established program that needs to be funded or else its establishment in the past was a waste of time and effort. The intentions of the state in creating this pharmacy school was to see it into fruition, and failing to allocate funding will ruin the dreams of many aspiring student pharmacists.

The pharmacy school, with funding, will become an established and essential provider of healthcare and job training for Hawaii similar to how JABSOM has educated over half of Hawaii's practicing physicians. Its benefits to the state and the Big Island are also significant in economic and scientific growth. From my perspective as a medical student, I believe that educating future pharmacists to work alongside physicians in the new team-based healthcare model will be paramount in the coming years as our population ages.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 8082234359.

Sincerely,



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My name is Shadi Obeidi and I am a third year student pharmacist and the College of Pharmacy Senator. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basic offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. We hear nothing but good comments from the community who supports the College of Pharmacy program. The College of Pharmacy helps the community by offering free health screenings that can help prevent of life debilitating diseases such as Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, and Diabetes. This school is responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and will only continue to grow. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 907-360-6736.

Sincerely,

Shadi Obeidi

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96720

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My name is Shanele Shimabuku and I am a fourth year pharmacy student and the 2012-2013 Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy and Hawaii Pacific Health pharmacy resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building in Hilo, HI. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

As a student, the college has provided me with many leadership, educational, and outreach opportunities. One of the most rewarding experiences was working with the Pacific Islander populations, mainly the Marshallese, to start a mobile clinic that made health care services more accessible to their family. The patients and their families were all very appreciative. Through this clinic, we have not only been able to reach a culturally sensitive population, but we have been able to proudly represent the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at national and local pharmacy conferences through poster presentations. In March, the project was awarded the national AACP Community Engaged Student Service Award. This project would not have been possible without the funds awarded by the college's Beacon Community Grant. The students, faculty, staff, and the Dean work extremely hard and take pride in representing our college. We have made a positive impact on the Hilo community, which we hope to continue in the upcoming years.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 280-7862.

Sincerely,  
*Shanele Shimabuku*  
751 Kakalina Place  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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My name is Sharon Lum and I am a third-year pharmacy student. I am writing in strong support of funding for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. Without the funding to build a permanent building, the pharmacy program would be in jeopardy of losing national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because it offers so much to Hawaii and its people. Being the only school in the Pacific Basin to offer a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, this program is in high-demand. It is without a doubt that it has stimulated much economic activity for Hawaii over the years. The students, faculty, and staff involved in UHH-COP have made relentless efforts to raise public awareness on healthy living within Hawaii's communities, through health fairs, drug take-back programs, and educational projects. UHH-COP also provides more health care professionals for Hawaii's ever-increasing and aging population. Helping to ensure the national accreditation of UHH-COP by providing funding for a permanent building would ensure Hawaii an accomplishment to be proud of. There are many genuinely invested in UHH-COP who want to see it succeed. It would truly be disappointing to have UHH-COP deteriorate not because of the content of its program, but due to the lack of funding. For these reasons, I urge you to please consider my request to include funding for the UHH-COP in your budget as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and Hawaii's community.

Sincerely,



Sharon Lum

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Student Pharmacist

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

University of Hawaii at Hilo

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My name is Sheldon K. Katayama and I work in the hotel industry. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

Looking at Hawaii's current financial situation, I feel that the estimated \$50 million per year in economic activity would be a much needed boost for Hawaii.

Being the only school in the Pacific Basin to offer a doctorate in Pharmacy, the program offers opportunity to local students to work in Hawaii's communities. At the same time, the program will help to provide more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

I have a personal interest, as I am sure that many others have as well, in cancer research. Allowing the cutting-edge research being conducted by the faculty to continue could potentially bring more recognition and outside funding to the University of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-627-0282.

Sincerely,



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Aloha, I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

My name is Sheldon Meier and I am a big island resident. The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is important to have more health care professionals here in Hawaii. So many of us are aging and in need of a better way to reduce costs and delivery of health care.

The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our young professional in the State of Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Meier

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Waikoloa, HI 96738

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**From:** [Sheryl Rawson](#)  
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My name is Sheryl Rawson and I am a former Health Care Administrator and Social Worker, and now retiree who has moved from Chicago, Illinois to Hilo, in 2007. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is important to me that UH Hilo be supported as fully as possible by our state. I see the univeristy as a major attraction for persons like myself and my husband. There are numerous schools around the country which are beginning to see the benefits of attracting reitrees as a way to make the schools more vibrant, benefit from their expertise and increase their revenues by offering classes and activities that the retirees contribute to financially. I myself subscribe to the UH Hilo Performing Arts Series as well as The Hawaii Concert Society, both of which take place in the UH Hilo Performing Arts building. I have also taken classes at the University like the one offered by Cyril Pahinui, increasing my knowledge of Hawaiian Slack Key music.

The reasons the College of Pharmacy is of interest to me are many:

- o I know only too well the increased use of pharmaceutical prescriptions as I age and I am not yet eligible for Medicare but still using increasing numbers of medications. As knowledge increases and the ability of such medications to help us expands, I hope that we have enough pharmacists on our island and in Hawaii to serve the population as necessary as our population ages.
- o The College of Pharmacy is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. We should be able to educate our own students rather than trying to attract them from other states.



- Because of the leadership of our current Dean of the College, our School of Pharmacy has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The College of Pharmacy has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-934-0552.

Sincerely,  
Sheryl B. Rawson  
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My name is Shirley and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. Sometimes it is less embarrassing to describe local folklore on treatments to pharmacists with roots in Hawaii. Pharmacists can then use their professional knowledge to assess whether herbs and alternative "medicines" interact negatively with the prescribed prescriptions.

It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In the area of research, UHH COP conducts cutting-edge research that is being conducted including research on cancer.

The College has been successful in getting research funding such as the Beacon Community Grant (\$16.2 million) and the "Pharm2Pharm" Grant (\$14.3 million) that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across in the Pacific region.

The leaders in Hawaii have recognized the importance of a permanent physical home for UHH - COP. The building project is ready to be built according to the UH Board of Regents as soon as funding is secured. The building for UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 235 5553.

Sincerely,

Shirley Simeona

*Shirley Simeona*

47-420 Hui Iwa St Apt A202  
Kaneohe HI 96744

**From:** [Overby, Stacy A](#)  
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My name is Stacy Overby. My sister is a current student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am writing on behalf of my husband, Jay and myself. We are in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is:

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered “shovel ready” by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System’s highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Further more, this building will represent the culmination of a significant amount of money and work from the University of Hawaii, County of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. It is a chance for the State of Hawaii and the University of Hawaii to lead by example in building a top Doctorate of Pharmacy program.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 612-735-4287.

The following letter was written on behalf of Lester and Shirley Ziegler who do not have computer access but requested the opportunity to participate in this testimony.

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My name is Shirley Ziegler. My granddaughter is a current student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am writing on behalf of my husband, Lester and myself. We are in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is:

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- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

We do not feel it would be fair to the students of this program to not receive this building. They have worked hard to get into this program. They should be given the last of what they

need to become the best students possible.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 763-757-4864.

Stacy Overby, LADC  
New Connections Coon Rapids  
763-784-2454

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My name is Stephanie Gregorio and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. As soon as the budget is approved, the UH Board of Regents is prepared to begin construction once the funding is provided, which can only positively influence our future standing with the ACPE when they return in 2015. As a student body, we strive to provide health services to benefit Hawaii's communities not only after we graduate, but also during our schooling by providing free services such as health screenings and counseling through our various volunteer projects.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at the following phone number: (909) 731-7723.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Gregorio  
212 Noelani Loop  
Hilo, HI 96720

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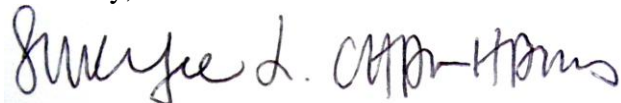
My name is Lily Chan-Harris and I am an alumnus of the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I also hosted College of Pharmacy students at my house during their Hilo internship rotations. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

Based on the conversations with and observations to my intern house guests, I have found that:

- The UHH-COP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree;
- it attracts top-notch students locally, from the U.S. mainland, and internationally;
- the building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided;
- graduates can provide bi-lingual health care services for our ever-increasing immigrant population;
- has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research;
- secured research funding such as the \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to make it a priority to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-982-9382.

Sincerely,



Suk Yee Lily Chan-Harris

1302A Ainaola Street, Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Supakit Wongwiwatthananutit and I am currently an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and this is beneficial to people of Hawaii and Hawaii's community. The economic research study has shown that having the COP would be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The College and its faculty members have successfully secured research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-936-5862.

Respectfully submitted,



Supakit Wongwiwatthananutit  
50 Maile Street, Hilo, HI 96720



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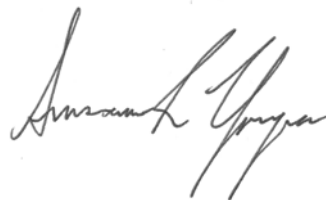
**HB 200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget  
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My name is Susanne R. Youngren and I am a graduate student (PhD) in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. It has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by the faculty, including cancer research. It has claimed notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. The addition of the college has been estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)557-8116.

Sincerely,



Susanne R. Youngren, B.Sc.  
226 Alawaena Street, Unit A  
Hilo, Hawaii, 96720

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My name is Takeshi Shikuma and I am a current pharmacy student of the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. As a result, the benefits and the influence of having UHH-COP as a reputable center of education and healthcare extends not only throughout the state but the entire Pacific area. It is also beneficial to Hawaii's communities, and medically underserved areas in the Pacific region, by training more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. I have heard numerous times from the community, either through our clinical clerkships or through community events, where patients have told me firsthand how grateful they are for the college and the services it provides.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 333-4786.

Sincerely,



Takeshi Shikuma  
Student Pharmacist, Class of 2013  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
shikumat@hawaii.edu

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My name is Tamara P. Kondratyuk \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a \_\_ faculty at \_ Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (*complete this paragraph by stating positive factors in your own words using a few examples from below. You can also add your own supportive statements*).

- The only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree.
- Has world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally.
- Estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.
- The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.
- The University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.
- Beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.
- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone \_808-333-5007\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,



Tamara P. Kondratyuk

Address: 173 Wilder Road, Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is Theresa Mock and I continue to take classes and am UH Alumni. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is important and essential to have the continued accreditation of this school in the Pacific region near Hawai'i offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. We need more qualified health care professionals in our community to provide services to our increasing population on the island and elderly population. We are concerned due to the growing numbers of those diagnosed with obesity related disease and cancer. Our faculty are committed to research that can contribute to higher success in surviving these life threatening diseases. Noted research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant acknowledge the community support that is vested in this school. Continued research will help reduce health care costs and promote the improvement in health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808) 936-1519.

Sincerely,

Theresa Ann Mock  
PO Box 7353  
Hilo, HI 96720

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My name is \_\_\_\_Thuy-Tien Diep\_\_\_\_ and I am a \_\_\_\_UHH CoP Student Pharmacist\_\_. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (*complete this paragraph by stating positive factors in your own words using a few examples from below. You can also add your own supportive statements*).

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- Has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty, including cancer research.
- Claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 858-380-8111.

Sincerely,



Thuy-Tien Diep  
601 Laukapu Street, Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** [Tia Medeiros](#)  
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My name is Tia Medeiros and I am a student at UH Hilo in the Pre-Pharmacy Program. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

It is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 557-0231.

Sincerely,

Tia Medeiros  
469 Ekela St.  
Hilo, Hawaii, 96720

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My name is Tiffany Kishida and I am a current University of Hawaii student. I am in strong support and recognize the importance of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree with world-class professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally. It's beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding this initiative in an effort to show the Accreditation Committee that the students, faculty, and Hawaii's broad community are committed to becoming one of the top 25 pharmacy schools in the United States.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to voice my concerns and appreciate your favorable consideration to include \$38 Million in CIP funds to the University of Hawaii Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. If you have questions, please contact me at 808.351-8924.

Sincerely,

*Tiffany R. Kishida  
45-004 Mahalani Circle  
Kaneohe, HI 96744*

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My name is Todd Shumway, an alumni of UH Hilo and a member of the Hilo community and I ask for your support in appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The College of Pharmacy is an important part of the growing UH Hilo campus, the Hilo economy, and long-term development of the University of Hawaii system. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is not only the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree, but is also beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The COP has been effective in securing grants and financial support from non-governmental sources and already produced highly qualified graduates to meet the needs of pharmacies state-wide and throughout the Pacific. In addition, this project is considered "shovel ready" by the Board of Regents and will be ready for construction soon after the funds are allocated. This is a crucial project for the growth of UH Hilo and the Big Island.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-990-6227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Shumway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Todd Shumway  
1333 Wailuku Dr.  
Hilo, HI 96720



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My name is Tracy Matsumoto and I am a chiropractor. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. And it is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-372-1591

Sincerely,  
Tracy Matsumoto, D.C.

1539 Onipaa St.  
Honolulu, HI 96819

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Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Tracy Ng and I am currently second year student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is one of the only schools in the Pacific Basin that offers the Doctorate of Pharmacy degree, has cutting-edge research being conducted by our faculty, which includes cancer research and is benefitting Hawaii's communities by providing more healthcare professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. I personally chose the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy as my first choice of pharmacy school because I wanted a unique experience where I could really make a difference as this school is still so new. Nowhere else in the world can I experience the aloha spirit than Hawaii, and the gratitude that community expresses for us pharmacy students and everything that we stand for.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone number (650) 697-2888.

Sincerely,



Tracy Ng  
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My name is Trina Tran and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is essential for us students to have a permanent building to retain our accreditation as a college of pharmacy. This building will also be beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. A permanent campus will allow us to have building blocks towards this growing profession and to make Hawaii a well-known state with the production of great future pharmacists.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (626) 476-0358.

Sincerely,



Trina Tran

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My name is Tsuruyo Fukushima and I am a family member of a third year pharmacy student. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. The college of pharmacy is also estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone (808)959-7546.

Sincerely,



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**College of Pharmacy Building**

Aloha,

*My name is Victor Lin, and I am the President of the UH-Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Class of 2013, this year's graduating class. I am writing in support of appropriating the \$38M necessary to construct a College of Pharmacy building.*

In the almost four years I've been in pharmacy school in Hawaii, I have seen tremendous growth in our program. We have come leaps and bounds from the days of learning in cramped classrooms with broken chairs and tables. We had no study spaces and no areas where students could gather to collaborate. Coffee shops and businesses in Hilo usually close by 9PM. With the construction of our temporary modular buildings, we finally found a place to call our own, but the situation is far from ideal. Not having a permanent building will jeopardize the College of Pharmacy's accreditation status. It remains the biggest barrier for us to continue thriving and to reach our goal of becoming a Top 25 pharmacy school in the nation.

I realize that this decision ultimately comes down to money. I believe the number being quoted is that the College of Pharmacy generates some \$50M annually for the state of Hawaii. It might sound like an abstract figure to anyone unfamiliar, but from my point of view this may be an underestimation. The College of Pharmacy totals more than 400 students, faculty, staff, scores more if you consider family. Half of the students are from out of state, which means they bring money into the state. Being originally from Guam, I am considered one of these students. In funding my education, I have accrued over \$180K in student loans. Virtually all of that money has gone towards my tuition, rent, food, gas, flights, etc in the state of Hawaii. Since I've moved to Hawaii, I've witnessed firsthand many local businesses revived and new businesses open, especially in Hilo, and I'm completely convinced that their success is tied to the success of the College of Pharmacy.

Perhaps more important is the impact the College has on health care in the state of Hawaii. Our students undertake their rotations all over and our faculty practice throughout the islands. It doesn't take much to see how our students and faculty have done more each year in scientific and clinical research, health initiatives, health fairs, health screenings, patient education, etc. For example, just today, the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity threw a health fair in the remote town of Milolii, considered to be the last fishing village in Hawaii. Events such as this would never happen without the College of Pharmacy.

I urge our state leaders to consider including the College of Pharmacy building in the budget. It is not only crucial for the success of the College but for the entire state of Hawaii and its people. If you have questions for me, please do not hesitate to call (650) 387-4358 or e-mail [viclin@gmail.com](mailto:viclin@gmail.com). Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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March 17, 2013

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Wayna Buch  
Early Education and Care Consulting

**Re: HB200 Request funding School Readiness Program**

Honorable Chairs & Committee Members:

As an early childhood professional with over 30 years of experience in diverse areas of the early education and care spectrum for our youngest keiki and families, I write in support of HB200, and strongly encourage you to include funding for School Readiness programs in Hawaii. By investing now in early learning programs, Hawaii will see long term benefits.

Funding early education and care sets a foundation of learning that builds throughout the years.

In the 2012 Head Start research findings entitled, "What Does Research Say About Early Childhood Education" states, that as a nation there is a focus on early childhood years. We are reminded that the commitment made, "By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn" (Bredekamp, Knuth, Shulman)<sup>1</sup>.

It is know that from brain development research that learning starts, not at 5 years old (when a child enters kindergarten), but at birth. Tied to the success of learning is a child's health and well-being.

Because families are the first caregivers of children, providing resources and education to them becomes a critical part of the equation for a child's success. This cannot happen without funding for programs.

Teachers and parent educators need resources, support and continuing education to provide quality services, learning experiences and curriculum, to meet standards and state goals. The only way to do this is through funding. I encourage you to click on the link and read how this all comes together

[http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/teaching/eecd/curriculum/planning/edudev\\_art\\_00421\\_081806.html](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/teaching/eecd/curriculum/planning/edudev_art_00421_081806.html)

The passage of HB200 will:

- **Ensure the health, wellbeing and success of children**
- **Provide equity in accessing quality early learning programs**
- **Reading the state to in position to take advantage of President Obama and Senator Hirono's early learning dollars to ensure that Hawaii does not leave their young children behind.**

I urge you to support HB200 Request funding School Readiness Program

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Wayna Buch, MA; FLE/ECE

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<sup>i</sup> S. Bredekamp, R.A. Knuth, L.G. Kunesch, and D.D. Shulman, NCREL, Oak Brook, 1992

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K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building**

My name is Wendy Kishida and I humbly ask for your support in appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds to your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The ACPE believes permanent facilities is an important aspect to the accreditation process, and includes it as part of their 30 rigorous standards of excellence that must be met for any college of pharmacy to continue to be fully accredited. In other words, if UHH-COP does not show progress toward obtaining the necessary funding and development plans for a future infrastructure, students could risk losing all that they have worked towards in fulfilling their accreditation. The loss of accreditation could mean the failure of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

Losing full accreditation would be devastating to many, especially students who have met the requirements and plans to graduate from the UHH-COP. The vision of the College is to “drive improvement of Healthcare in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific.” We will achieve this by “focusing on Hawaii’s unique cultural, physical, and geographic features, by employing world-class faculty, and by graduating exceptional professionals.” As the only fully accredited pharmacy school in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, we must strive to hold on to everything we worked toward. However, this is all in jeopardy if we are unable to provide adequate information when ACPE returns to evaluate our progress.

Many students in the College presently hold intern positions at local Walgreens, Safeway, Walmart, Longs, Target, Costco, KTA, Kaiser, as well as independent pharmacies. These rotations sites provide students and faculty the opportunity to practice pharmacy skills and a chance to reach out to serve the community. Getting out into the community and experiencing “real-life scenarios” are crucial to their development as future skillfully-trained, competent pharmacists, and we would like to be able to uphold this tradition.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding this initiative in an effort to show the Accreditation Committee that we started this College with a goal in mind, and we will not let them, nor anyone else, stand in our way of achieving our goal of ultimately becoming one of the top 25 pharmacy schools in the United States. Your time and support regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii’s broad community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808.234.7812 or [wkishida@hotmail.com](mailto:wkishida@hotmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Kishida*  
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My name is Whitney and I am a concerned Hawaii state resident. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. Very important to me is having students from Hawaii given an opportunity to become pharmacists. In seeking out professional advice on medication, it is very convenient to go to the neighborhood pharmacists. Pharmacists at supermarkets and drug stores with weekend and evening hours are available much more frequently than physicians. Sometimes it is less embarrassing to describe local folklore on treatments to pharmacists with roots in Hawaii. Pharmacists can then use their professional knowledge to assess whether herbs and alternative "medicines" interact negatively with the prescribed prescriptions.

It is the only school in Hawaii offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. In the area of research, UHH COP conducts cutting-edge research that is being conducted including research on cancer.

The College has been successful in getting research funding such as the Beacon Community Grant (\$16.2 million) and the "Pharm2Pharm" Grant (\$14.3 million) that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across in the Pacific region.

The leaders in Hawaii have recognized the importance of a permanent physical home for UHH - COP. The building project is ready to be built according to the UH Board of Regents as soon as funding is secured. The building for UHH-COP is the University of Hawaii System's highest CIP priority for 2013-2014 and the Governor made it the only CIP initiative included in this year's Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 953-9113

Sincerely,

*Whitney Simeona*  


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My name is Wilbur Won and I am an 87 year old who has lived the majority of my life in Hawaii. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. For one, it is the only college in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree. This will allow local students to pursue their goals of entering the helping profession as a pharmacist. Prior to the establishment of UHH-COP, students in Hawaii had to leave the islands and study at a college on the mainland. The exorbitant costs of studying out of state made pharmacy an unattainable goal for many local students who do not have the financial resources. The cultures of Hawaii value family and aspiring students had to sacrifice education out of state for their family needs. Once UHH-COP was established, the pharmacy profession was attainable to a wider spectrum of local students.

Economically, UHH – COP has been involved in stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii. The Governor, University of Hawaii (UH) System and the UH Board of Regents support the urgency of the building for UHH-COP. The Governor included the building in the Executive Budget proposal to the Legislature. The UH System lists the building as the highest CIP priority and the UH Board of Regents has approved the building.

On a personal level, as a senior citizen, UHH-COP has been graduating health care professionals who will be servicing seniors like myself. I have been fortunate to be able to walk into drug and grocery stores in Kaneohe and ask the pharmacists for help. Fortunately, these stores seem well staffed with pharmacists.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808 239 9660.

Sincerely,



Wilbur Won  
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Pharmacy Building**


My name is Yen M. Dao Barnes and I am a Student Pharmacist. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. You probably heard of all the accomplishments and contributions the College of Pharmacy has made to the community in its short existence. I will not repeat them to you, but I beseech you to consider one thing: the future and fate of many. I am not just referring to the faculty, staff or even the student pharmacists. Rather, I am referring to the potential patients and discoveries that would ultimately be affected by your decision. I have seen firsthand the caliber of student pharmacists and their drive to not just succeed in the program, but also to help others. I am proud and assured to know that they would one day make a huge impact in their communities and in the lives of their patients. This can

only come to fruition with your vote.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 352-514-6502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yen M. Dao Barnes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Yen M. Dao Barnes  
83-989 Kaohia Place  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

**From:** [Zachary Adachi](#)  
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My name is Zachary Adachi and I work in the trades as an electrician. I am in strong support of appropriating \$38 million in CIP funds in your budget for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) building..

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous.

The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. Hawaii needs work in the construction industry.

Finally, Pharmacy has notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region. I think this is so important for us as residents of our state.

Please consider my request to include \$38 million in your budget for the UHH-COP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawaii's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at (808) 936-3242.

Sincerely,

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