
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that lands in Kapolei
2 were previously transferred to the University of Hawaii for
3 construction of the University of Hawaii West-Oahu campus. The
4 legislature further finds that certain parcels, particularly
5 those located mauka of the interstate H-1 highway, have not been
6 developed by the University of Hawaii and should be transferred
7 to the department of land and natural resources.

8 The purpose of this Act is to transfer the control and
9 custody of the parcels of land identified as TMK no.
10 and from the University of Hawaii to the department of
11 land and natural resources.

12 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall transfer the
13 custody and control of the parcels of land identified as TMK no.
14 and to the department of land and natural
15 resources, and the property shall constitute public lands
16 pursuant to chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

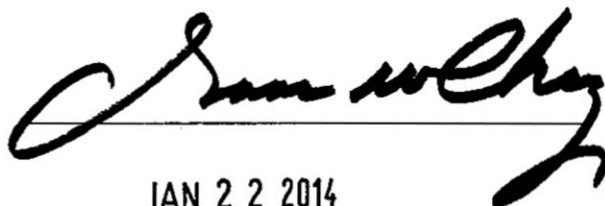


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 2376

Report Title:

West Oahu Land Transfer; University of Hawaii; Department of
Land and Natural Resources

Description:

Transfers land in Kapolei from UH to DLNR.

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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committees on Higher Education
February 4, 2014 at 2:01 PM

by
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HB 2376 – RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to express concerns on this measure.

HB 2376 proposes to transfer land in Kapolei from UH to DLNR. The University does not support HB 2376.

While the University does not have immediate plans for the sale of any lands at UH West O'ahu, (UHWO) the University believes that the lands are an asset with the potential to help fulfill the vision and mission of UHWO.

The Board of Regents is currently updating its Board policy on land and its statements on their purposes, which include the promotion and support of the University's educational and research mission while advancing the principals of environmental stewardship and sustainability. This legislative measure may conflict with the University in meeting its missions.

Accordingly we request that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Before the House Committee on
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014
2:01 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2376
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER**

House Bill 2376 proposes to transfer the undeveloped State lands originally planned for the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill.**

Ownership of the State lands identified as tax map key (1) 9-2-002:001, 003, 005, and 007 ("Mauka Parcels) with a total area of 991 acres was transferred to the University of Hawaii in 1999.

In December 2002, the State conveyed about 500 acres of State lands in Kapolei, currently identified as tax map key (1) 9-1-016:120, and 179 to 183 ("Makai Parcels") to the University of Hawaii. To date, portions of the Makai Parcels have been developed into the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus, and the remaining portions are vacant.

While the bill is focusing on the undeveloped portions of the lands planned by the University of Hawaii as a new campus, the Department believes any lands owned by the University of Hawaii which is considered excess to the need for the campus development should also be returned to the Department.

For clarification, the subject bill stipulates the University of Hawaii shall transfer the custody and control of the affected parcels. The Department suggests the languages by modified to read as the transfer of fee title ownership.

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

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