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Thursday, January 31, 2013

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Summer Lee, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus Center Board

SUBJECT: Support of SB603, Relating to the University of Hawai'i

My name is Summer Lee and I am an Alumni Member of the Campus Center Board at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). I strongly support Senate Bill 603 and humbly ask for your support.

The authorization and issuance of GO bonds to retire the debt incurred by the previous issuance of revenue bonds which funded the UH Mānoa Campus Center renovation and addition project would greatly benefit the entire UHM community.

Over 10 years ago, the Campus Center Board (CCB) realized that the needs of the UHM community were growing and changing at a very rapid rate. If something was not done to address these changes, the current system would soon be lacking and out of touch with those it's designed to serve, the entire UHM community.

By allowing the project to move over to a GO bond structure will give the Campus Center Complex a greater opportunity to create a truly state-of-the-art facility that we can all be proud of. A GO bond conversion could allow the Campus Center to grow and evolve in a far more sustainable manner and a way to minimize the need to increase student fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and please support SB603, the conversion of the University of Hawai'i's revenue bonds to GO bonds.

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Wednesday, January 30, 2013

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Sheana Humphries,
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus Center Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Support of S.B. No. 603, Relating to the University of Hawai'i

As an undergraduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and as the Campus Center Board Secretary, I am grateful to being given the opportunity to testify Senate Bill 603. I am testifying in support of S.B. No. 603 that authorizes the issuance of GO bonds that would retire the revenue bond debt incurred by the University of Hawai'i for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus Center Renovation and Expansion (CCRE) Project.

The Campus Center Board (CCB) provides governance for the Campus Center as well as its programs. CCB ensures that the Campus Center supplies the necessary facilities, programs, and services to the campus community. The Campus Center Complex includes Campus Center, Hemenway Hall, and the upcoming Recreation Center. All together, it serves as a community center that offers an array of options that support campus life and education.

The Campus Center Renovation and Expansion Project plan came about in Fall 2005. It was the idea the CCB envisioned to meet the needs for its constituents. The CCRE Project would then provide growth to the established Campus Center Complex through its facilities, programs, and services to further support educational, nutritional, and recreational values within the heart of the university. The CCRE Project includes the structuring of the Recreation Center along with general repairs and modifications to the Campus Center building and Hemenway Hall. These actions are necessary to fulfill the requirements as an effective and successful university to the campus population. However, in order to accomplish these goals, student fees are being raised due to the fact that the financial plan alone is unable to sustain the expenses.

Retiring the revenue bond debt with the conversion to GO bonds would financially relieve University of Hawai'i students, increase the pace of improvements being made, and allow us to continue to support the needs of our constituents.

I am in favor of Senate Bill 603 to overall support the growth of the University of Hawai'i. Thank you very much for the opportunity and thank you for your time.

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