

HB 1654

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Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

Report Title: University of Hawaii; Repair and Maintenance

Description: Establishes the Campus Facility Board to address repairs and maintenance at the University of Hawaii. Effective July 1, 2525. (HB1654 HD1)

Companion: [SB2549](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE, WAM

Introducer(s): CHOY

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March 13, 2014

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

RE: Support of House Bill 1654, HD1 – Relating to Higher Education

My name is Kimberly Ribellia, Government Liaison, of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF would like to provide comments relating to House Bill 1654, HD1, which establishes the Campus Facility Board to address repairs and maintenance at the University of Hawaii.

HOEISF supports of the intent of the bill which provides for an increase in accountability for the moneys appropriated to the University of Hawaii System for repair and maintenance of campus facilities.

Based on testimony submitted by the University of Hawaii stating that a similar type of group convenes at the conclusion of each legislative session to evaluate, identify, and prioritize moneys for repair and maintenance projects of the University, may we suggest that the bill be amended to mirror the composition of the informal group that meets every year. We also suggest that the reporting requirement remains in the bill as a way to improve transparency and accountability of Capital Improvement Project moneys appropriated to the University of Hawaii System for repair and maintenance of facilities.

HOEISF would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1654, HD1.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Ribellia
Government Liaison
HOEISF