

HB 1855

LATE

Testimony

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Report Title:	University of Hawaii at West Oahu; Sale or Gift of Land (\$)
Description:	Prohibits the sale or gift of land currently being used for the permanent campus of the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, including the surrounding land to which the University holds title, without the prior consent of the Legislature. Effective July 1, 2525. (HB1855 HD1)
Companion:	SB2553
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HRE, WAM
Introducer(s):	CHOY

**HAWAII OPERATING ENGINEERS
INDUSTRY STABILIZATION FUND**



Affiliated AFL-CIO
OPEIU - 8 - AFL-CIO (8)

*Uniting our strengths and working together
for a better tomorrow.*

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 1855, HD1 – Relating to the University of Hawaii

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 1855, HD1, which prohibits the sale and gift of land currently being used for the permanent campus of the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, including the surrounding land to which the University holds title, without the prior consent of the Legislature.

HOEISF asks if the Committee on Higher Education would consider amending the bill to place a moratorium on the sale or gift of UH West Oahu land for one year to allow the Board of Regents to finish its update on Board policy on land sales and provide the Legislature an update on its revised policy. The Legislature will then have an opportunity to review and comment on the new policy.

HOEISF concurs with the University's position that it needs the flexibility to sell, lease or establish a public/private partnerships for development opportunities for lands that UH West Oahu owns. The City's Honolulu Rail Transit Project has identified the UH West Oahu station to be located at Kualakai Parkway and UH West Oahu entrance (aka Campus Drive). Transient-oriented type of developments will occur within a ¼ mile of the transit station which provides a very unique opportunity for UH West Oahu to maximize the use of land owned for the benefit of the students and campus. Prohibiting the sale or gift of lands owned by UH West Oahu may create a missed opportunity for the University to generate potential income and fully integrate the University campus with the rail transit project.

HOEISF would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1855, HD1.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Ribellia
Government Liaison
HOEISF

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: thirr33@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1855 on Mar 13, 2014 15:00PM
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:38:36 AM
Attachments: [Mom & Arvid.jpg](#)

HB1855

Submitted on: 3/13/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 13, 2014 15:00PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	The SKy Ohana	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair, HRE Committee Vice Chair, HRE Committee The Right Honorable Committee Members The Sky Ohana supports the original intent of the measure as introduced by Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair, House Higher Education Committee. As the sole Certified Public Accountant, and a non UH Manoa graduate, representing the Mona House District, Rep. Choy is a trusted professional with campaign funds for previous office holders from the University of Hawaii House district. As a concerned constituent and a resident, it was incumbent upon him to safeguard the assets of the University of Hawaii by helping to exercise fiduciary duty by the University of Hawaii West-Oahu. As you recall, it took an effort from the time of Sen. Cal Kawamoto, and long before he took office, to try to assist the Leeward Community College students and faculty and staff, by establishing a four year campus on the Leeward-side, adjacent to Kapolei. It will be irresponsible for the Univeristy System to permit the West-Oahu Campus to any way or degree liquidate or land exchange without the prior approval of the Legislature. Leaving this important decision solely at the discretion and the purvue of the Board of Regeants will be an indiscretion, to say the least. The Sky Ohana, especially on behalf of the memoryt of Setsuko Kobayashi a UH Manoa graduate in the mid-1930s, and on behalf of myself, as well, a KCC 70 semeser hours proud UH System product, requests that this Committee regrain from any further amendments, but place all your concerns in your Committee report with your endorsement for this HB 1855 HD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii (West-Oahu). The opposition of the University of Hawaii is the sole testimony recorded in the House Committees' reports, and at the Finance Committee where the name of Rep. Isaac Choy is respected and "sacrosanct" together with the name of Rep. Jessica Wooley, records that OHA submitted comments, but not opposition nor support. It would be most prudent and responsible, to hear from the UH Manoa Faculty Union (Professional Assembly and the Various Campus' Student Government), to determine the import of this measure, in particularly these times of "fast times" and fast tracking of ordinances across the Street at Honolulu Hale, for example, not to mention in previous years at the Legislature, to move with caution and precaution to insure that UH assets are not squandered due to poor school budgeting process and oversight. A fast fix and sometimes a no fix. Mahalo. Arvid

Tadao Youngquist Founder, Administrator, and Chief Spokesman *Note: CD1, US House of Representatives registered voter currently residing in Kalihi Valley. IMUA!!!
**Photo attachment is that of my mother Setsuko Kobayashi (the late Setsuko Youngquist, and Arvid Youngquist, taken in Mitakadai, Tokyo, Japan by a neighbor (Mr. Watanabe?).

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov