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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SEPARATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM AMONG THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-WEST OAHU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii system is governed by a  
2 single board of regents and consists of the University of Hawaii  
3 at Manoa, the community colleges, the University of Hawaii-West  
4 Oahu, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

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6           WHEREAS, under Article X, section 6, of the state  
7 constitution, the Legislature finds that it is a matter of  
8 statewide concern whether the University of Hawaii system should  
9 be separated into three systems among the University of Hawaii  
10 at Manoa, the community colleges, and the University of Hawaii-  
11 West Oahu and the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

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13           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa was founded in  
14 1907 and is the flagship campus of the University of Hawaii  
15 system, and as a destination of choice, students and faculty  
16 come from across the nation and the world to take advantage of  
17 the University of Hawaii at Manoa's unique research  
18 opportunities, diverse community, and nationally-ranked Division  
19 I athletics program; and

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21           WHEREAS, as one of only thirty-two institutions nationwide  
22 to hold the distinction of being a land-grant, sea-grant, and  
23 space-grant research institution, the University of Hawaii at  
24 Manoa is ranked in the top thirty public universities in federal  
25 research funding for engineering and science, and forty-ninth  
26 overall by the National Science Foundation; and

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28           WHEREAS, classified by the Carnegie Foundation as having  
29 "very high research activity," the University of Hawaii at Manoa  
30 is known for its pioneering research in such fields as  
31 oceanography, astronomy, Pacific Islands and Asian area studies,  
32 linguistics, cancer research, and genetics; and



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2 WHEREAS, the goals and missions of the University of Hawaii  
3 at Manoa, as a research university, are different from the  
4 community colleges, the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and the  
5 University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

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7 WHEREAS, in contrast, the community colleges provide open-  
8 door access to affordable, high-quality education through a  
9 variety of programs from career and technical education to a  
10 liberal arts education; and

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12 WHEREAS, the community colleges are already a "system  
13 within a system," consisting of seven colleges, including Hawaii  
14 Community College, Honolulu Community College, Kapiolani  
15 Community College, Kauai Community College, Leeward Community  
16 College, Maui College, and Windward Community College; and

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18 WHEREAS, the community colleges also include educational  
19 centers serving Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai;  
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22 WHEREAS, the goals and mission of the community college  
23 system are different from the University of Hawaii-West Oahu,  
24 the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the University of Hawaii  
25 at Manoa; and

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27 WHEREAS, separation of the University of Hawaii at Manoa  
28 and the community colleges would lead to greater efficiency and  
29 better management of the university system overall; and

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31 WHEREAS, such a separation could ultimately require the  
32 establishment of three separate university systems, each with  
33 its own boards of regents, specifically, one for the University  
34 of Hawaii at Manoa, one for the community colleges, and one for  
35 the University of Hawaii-West Oahu and the University of Hawaii  
36 at Hilo; and

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38 WHEREAS, it is envisioned that the University of Hawaii at  
39 Manoa, as the State's only research university, will be  
40 financially self-sustaining and receive limited state funding;  
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43 WHEREAS, it is likewise envisioned that the community  
44 colleges, the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and the University



1 of Hawaii at Hilo, as the State's teaching institutions, will  
2 continue to be financially supported by state funds; now,  
3 therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2014, that the Board of Regents of the University of  
8 Hawaii is requested to study the feasibility of separating the  
9 University of Hawaii system among the University of Hawaii at  
10 Manoa, the community colleges, and the University of Hawaii-West  
11 Oahu and the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is  
14 strongly encouraged to retain the services of an independent  
15 educational expert to conduct the study; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is  
18 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
20 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
21 the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Board of Regents  
25 of the University of Hawaii, the President of the University of  
26 Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the  
27 Vice President for Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the  
28 University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and the Chancellor of the  
29 University of Hawaii at Hilo.  
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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony presented before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:34PM  
By Dr. Joanne Itano  
Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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HCR 147/HR 105 – REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SEPARATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM AMONG THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-WEST OAHU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

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

The University of Hawai'i (UH) respectfully opposes HCR 147 and HR 105 which requests the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to study the feasibility of separating the UH system among the UH Mānoa, the Community Colleges and the UH West O'ahu and the UH Hilo.

As a system of campuses with varying missions (research, regional comprehensive and community colleges), we provide unique opportunities to the students of Hawai'i. We provide multiple entrance and exit points for students to complete their degrees. Students may choose to start their education at a two-year or four-year campus. We have built pathways for students who start at a community college and moves to a four-year campus to complete a bachelor's degree. Students who earn an associate of arts degree from a community college are automatically admitted to a four-year campus. We have articulation agreements for students who complete an associate of science degree (generally focused on career and technical education) to move seamlessly into a bachelor's degree program at our four-year campuses. We have a common student information system that allows students at a four-year campus to register at any community college and all community college students may register for courses at any other community college. Many other data systems--from human resources to purchasing--are system-wide, allowing for economies of scale and improved reporting.

The vision of a self-sustaining University of Hawai'i at Mānoa would require a significant increase of tuition. Currently undergraduate resident tuition at UHM is about \$9,000 per year. In the years 2010-2012, tuition accounted for an average of 42% of the cost of education. Tuition would need to be increased by approximately 136% to cover the full cost of education. For undergraduates, this would mean an increase in tuition to more than \$19,000.

Separation into three higher education systems would lead to less efficiency. Providing support for three separate boards would require additional staff support. Each system would need to manage its own student information and IT systems, institutional research functions, capital improvements, etc. Transfer across campuses will be more complex as articulation will be campus by campus, rather than coordinated by the system administration.

The use of an independent educational expert to conduct this study will require funding during a time of scarce resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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# GCA of Hawaii

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March 18, 2014

TO: HONORABLE ISAAC CHOY, CHAIR, HONORABLE LINDA ICHIYAMA,  
VICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HR105/HCR 147**, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
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AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-WEST OAHU AND THE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
TIME: 2:34 p.m.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 309

Dear Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

House Concurrent Resolution 147 is requesting that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii study the feasibility of separating the University of Hawaii system among the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the community colleges, and the University of Hawaii-West Oahu and the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

The University of Hawaii college system is unique in its geographical separation of the university and community college campuses, which is different from other state universities. This geographical separation along with the multiple administrations of the University and community colleges serving Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Lanai results in increased costs to sustain each campus. This Resolution provides the Board of Regents an opportunity to consider separating the University of Hawaii's four year colleges from the various community colleges to provide a more focused direction for each of the university campuses.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support of HCR 147.