

SB 2907

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER.

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

Description: Transfers land in Kapolei from UH to DLNR.

Companion: [HB2376](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE/WTL, WAM

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**Before the Senate Committees on
HIGHER EDUCATION
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014
2:55 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2907
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER**

Senate Bill 2907 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 ("Department"). **The Department 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 ("University") in 1999.

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

While the bill is focused on the undeveloped portions of the lands on which the University is planning a new campus, the Department believes any lands owned by the University which are considered excess to the needs of campus development should also be returned to the Department.

For clarification, the subject bill provides that the University shall transfer the custody and control of the affected parcels. The Department suggests the language be modified to require the transfer of fee title ownership to the Department..

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Chairs Taniguchi and Solomon, Vice Chairs Kahele and Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land:

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

SB 2907 proposes to transfer land in Kapolei from UH to DLNR. The University does not support SB 2907.

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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