



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 1521 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BUDGET and
HB 1522 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** both HB 1521 HD1 and HB 1522 HD1. Both bills appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for the operating budget of the University of Hawai'i (UH). HB 1521 HD1 represents the “base budget” and the totals by Program ID match those found in HB 2 as introduced. HB 1522 HD1 represents the “add ons” to the base budget. The two bills in tandem appropriate funding for UH’s operating budget for the upcoming fiscal biennium and because of this, this testimony will speak to the combination of these two bills.

The University hereby notes that HB 1521 HD1 provides funding at the current (existing) fund levels – meaning, funding at current fiscal year levels. To fund as HB 1521 HD1 proposes to maintain programs and services, at least, to current levels. HB 1521 HD1 reflects the appropriation levels as set forth by Act 53, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018, with adjustments to account for already agreed upon collective bargaining increases and non-recurring expenditures. We do note, however, that while HB 1521 HD1 provides a base level of funding to UH, it still leaves other processes to provide general fund support to Athletics programs at UH’s Mānoa and Hilo campuses, as has been provided in recent years:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	MOF
UOH100	Funding Support for Athletics	-	2,700,000	-	2,700,000	A
UOH210	Funding Support for Athletics	-	300,000	-	300,000	A

In addition, the UH Board of Regents has formally requested consideration of additional funding for the following programs and initiatives:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	MOF
UOH800	Roll-over Act 14/18 funding into the Promise Program base	-	700,000	-	700,000	A
UOH900	Additional Funds for Hawai'i Promise for four year institutions	-	19,000,000	-	19,000,000	A
UOH100	Raise Graduate Assistant (GA) Stipend	-	2,198,360	-	2,242,327	A
UOH100	Learning Assistants and Peer Mentoring for Mānoa	1.00	956,600	3.00	1,408,876	A
UOH210	Funding support for Learning Assistants, Peer Mentors and Graduate Assistants at UH Hilo		122,000		231,000	A
UOH700	Add funds for student employment at UH West O'ahu, including hiring Learning Assistants		300,000		300,000	A
UOH800	Funding support for student Mentors and Tutors at the Community Colleges		1,004,400		1,004,400	A
UOH100	General funded position counts for the Athletics Program	30.00		30.00		A
UOH100	Facilities Maintenance positions for Mānoa	6.00		6.00		A
UOH900	Construction manager and inspector positions for the Office of Project Delivery	4.00		4.00		A
UOH210	Positions and funds for the Custodial and Maintenance staff at UH Hilo	5.00	228,576	5.00	228,576	A
UOH210	UH Hilo Security - additional security staff positions	8.00	311,240	8.00	311,240	A
UOH210	Wayfinding Education Program – 'Imiloa Astronomy Center	2.00	375,000	2.00	300,000	A
UOH800	Hawai'i Nutrition and Employment Training (HINET) for SNAP recipients at the Community Colleges	8.00	520,000	8.00	520,000	A
UOH700	Build Distance Education Infrastructure and fund additional faculty	8.00	1,000,000	8.00	1,000,000	A
UOH110	Increase Ceiling for RTRF and Real Property and Facilities Use Revolving Fund (RPFURF) for JABSOM	-	1,021,453		1,021,453	W
UOH800	Increase Ceiling for the CC's for RTRF and the Commercial Enterprises Revolving Fund (CERF)		1,000,000		1,000,000	W
UOH700	Decrease Ceiling for Lease Payments (BK)		(270,000)		(270,000)	B

There are also transfers between different Program IDs at UH. These transfers have no net effect on the overall budget but are useful as a practical matter during budget execution:

Prog ID	Description	FTE (P) 20	\$\$\$ 20	FTE (P) 21	\$\$\$ 21	M O F
UOH100	Transfer Ant Lab from Hilo to Mānoa	2.00	200,000	2.00	200,000	A
UOH210	Transfer Ant Lab to Mānoa	(2.00)	(200,000)	(2.00)	(200,000)	A
UOH900	Transfer Nā Pua No'ēau to Various Campuses	(6.00)	(322,242)	(6.00)	(322,242)	A
UOH100	Transfer Nā Pua No'ēau from System to Mānoa	1.00	82,491	1.00	82,491	A
UOH210	Transfer Nā Pua No'ēau from System to UH Hilo	2.00	87,631	2.00	87,631	A
UOH700	Transfer Nā Pua No'ēau from System to UH West O'ahu	1.00	44,724	1.00	44,724	A
UOH800	Transfer Nā Pua No'ēau from System to the Community Colleges	2.00	107,396	2.00	107,396	A
UOH800	Transfer Hawai'i Promise from the CC to System.	-	(2,529,000)	-	(2,529,000)	A
UOH900	Transfer Hawai'i Promise from CCs	-	2,529,000	-	2,529,000	A

HB 1522 HD1 incorporates the additional amounts requested in the Board of Regents' budget request as well the transfers and the general fund support for Athletics programs at Mānoa and Hilo.

In combination, the two bills together (HB 1521 HD1 and HB 1522 HD1) constitute a total operating budget that conforms to the Board of Regents' operating request. Because of this, UH supports both measures in tandem.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

NO FUNDS should be given to the University of Hawai`i until they can show that they have a significant plan to treat all departments and students fairly and equally. One department should not take away funds from others and ethical research should be held to the highest place. It is supposed to be a Hawaiian place of learning but falls quite short from the foundations upon which it was established. To save face about one area of the university, the rest of the university is suffering.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1522-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Ueda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1522, HD 1, and in particular, item UOH 210 Wayfinding Education Program.

The Wayfinding Education Program will utilize the planetarium and other facilities at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center. The 'Imiloa Astronomy Center is a great resource for the Hilo community because the facility and its programs attract tourists, business, and education programs. The Wayfinding Education Program is a perfect fit for 'Imiloa, and will help preserve the "navigational science" of the Hawaiian culture that makes Hawaii and Hawaii Island a special place to live.

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MAUNAKEA OBSERVATORIES

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Committee on Finance
Representative Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair, House Committee on Finance
From: Maunakea Observatories
Subj: Letter Supporting HB1522 HD1 Relating to the University of Hawai'i Budget
Date: 24 February 2019

Through this letter the Maunakea Observatories express their strong **support** for HB1522 HD1 UOH 210 Wayfinding Education Program. The Maunakea Observatories partner with 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, which is based at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, on numerous programs and particularly values the advancement of 'Imiloa's wayfinding programs since they naturally relate to astronomy on many levels. The requested funding would support having a master navigator on 'Imiloa's staff to share wayfinding techniques with students across the State. This is a powerful mechanism to advance Hawaiian culture in classrooms, linking sea wayfaring techniques with Hawaiian star lines as navigational aids, all demonstrated by the recent incredible Malama Honua Worldwide voyage of Hōkūle'a. The planned program includes the use of an inflatable planetarium to take to classrooms and leverages the existing full size planetarium at 'Imiloa for students on Hawai'i Island. 'Imiloa's location next to the base facilities of most of the Maunakea Observatories has catalyzed a unique partnership in science and education. One example is the Maunakea Scholars program - 'Imiloa is a founding partner in Maunakea Scholars and is providing on-site cultural educational opportunities to all Maunakea Scholar host schools (12 schools on 6 islands). The funding requested via HB1522 HD1 UOH 210 would effectively leverage what 'Imiloa has provided to the Maunakea Scholars program, creating a larger and permanent educational program at 'Imiloa in the process. Given 'Imiloa's demonstrated ability to design and implement these types of educational programs, the funds requested represent a low risk, high yield investment by the State. If granted, they would enable a vibrant Wayfinding Education Program that taps into the Maunakea Observatories' resource base via the Maunakea Scholars program – a win from every angle.

Mahalo,



Director Doug Simons, Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope



Director Pierre Martin, Hoku Kea Observatory



Director Paul Ho, James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (East Asian Observatory)



Director Walter Briske, Long Baseline Observatory



Director John Rayner, NASA Infrared Telescope Facility

M. Yoshida

Director Michitoshi Yoshida, Subaru Telescope

Klaus Hodapp

Director Klaus Hodapp, UKIRT

Hilton Lewis

Director Hilton Lewis, W.M. Keck Observatory (Keck I and Keck II)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yu Yok Pearing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

'Imiloa's Wayfinding Program serves a incredible educational value to students and schools on Hawai'i Island and neighbor islands. This unique, creative and stimulating outreach program fulfills a much needed niche within the state of Hawai'i through its application of Hawaiian culture and science that has proven to generate and foster students' curiosity and interest in science and stem related subjects and serves to richly augment the lessons learned in schools. Investing in this valuable Wayfinding Education Program through the funding of the two positions, Traditional Master Navigator-In-Residence and Curriculum Development Specialist, is imperative to students' learning and to the future of Hawaii's leadership opportunities.

It is my ardent request that this bill be supported.

Mahalo and Aloha!

Yu Yok Pearing