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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE

March 31, 2021, 2:30 PM

SENATE BILL 589, SD2, HD2
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB589, SD2, HD2. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports SECTION 10 of the bill amending sections 103D-203 and 304A-2672, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to permanently restore authority to the President of the University of Hawaii (UH) to act as the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) for contracts for construction and construction-related professional services furnished by licensees under Chapter 464, HRS.

Act 87, SLH 2013 (HB 114), "Relating to Higher Education" was signed into law on May 31, 2013. By enacting Act 87, the Legislature amended HRS §103D-203 and §304A-2672 by repealing the authority of the President of the UH to serve as the CPO for construction contracts and professional services, furnished by licensees under chapter 464 (i.e. Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects), related to construction contracts and assigned those responsibilities to the Administrator of the SPO.

To implement the requirements of this Act, the SPO issued UH Procurement Delegation No. 2013-01 delegating procurement authority to the UH President as well as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) delineating SPO's oversight responsibilities and UH's responsibilities and procedures. The SPO also imposed a high-level oversight role in order to evaluate the UH's construction procurement practices by collecting and reviewing data related to the UH's construction procurements for FYs 14 and 15, in order to provide fact-based report to the Legislature by January 2016.

The SPO's report documented the extensive oversight, reviews, cooperation, and coordination between the SPO and the UH on procurements for construction and construction-related professional services. As documented in the report, between July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015,

the SPO reviewed 102 University solicitations for construction out of 373 construction procurements conducted by UH during that time. The reviews included solicitations for competitive sealed bids, professional services, and small purchases. The SPO also provided oversight of post-award procurement activities by conducting eleven (11) construction site visits and three (3) desktop reviews of on-going projects.

As of April 4, 2016, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of Hawaii and the State Procurement Office was revised to clearly identify the duties and responsibilities of UH and SPO to operate in accordance with Act 87, SLH 2013. Pertaining to UH procurements of construction contracts and construction related professional services, UH was named as the Primary entity responsible for initiating and completing the tasks, while the SPO would be available if any guidance or directions are needed. The SPO has not received any requests for guidance or directions from UH to date.

Based on the SPO's review of 102 UH construction procurements from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2015, UH's Administrative Procedures, and 14 post-award site visits, the SPO found that the UH was conducting construction procurements in a compliant, efficient, and transparent manner. As such, based on the SPO's findings and recommendations, the SPO supports permanently restoring the UH President's full authority to act as the Chief Procurement Officer for all the UH's procurements, including the procurement of construction and construction-related professional services.

Thank you.



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Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Hearing: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

SB 589 SD2 HD2– RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
Cynthia Au, Interim Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENT on SB 589 SD2 HD2: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. We support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii taking 2,500 lives each year. The University of Hawaii (UH) Cancer Center is one of 71 research organizations in the U.S. designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the only one in the Hawaii Pacific region.¹ NCI Cancer Centers Program was created as part of the National Cancer Act of 1971 and is one of the anchors of the nation's cancer research effort. Through this program, NCI recognizes centers around the country that meet rigorous standards for transdisciplinary, state-of-the-art research focused on developing new and better approaches to preventing, diagnosing, and treating cancer.²

Maintaining the requirements set by NCI is important for UH Cancer Center to keep its designation to continue to receive \$15 to \$20 million in extramural funding of the P30 Cancer Center Support Grant. This outside funding supports research for more treatments and improve cancer patients' quality of life for the people of Hawaii. For cancer patients in Hawaii, not having an NCI designation will mean losing access to novel investigational cancer treatments that are only available through clinical trials at NCI-designated cancer centers that benefits Hawaii's unique population.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

¹ University of Hawaii Cancer Center <https://www.uhcancercenter.org/50years>

² NCI <https://www.cancer.gov/research/infrastructure/cancer-centers>

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| Edward Ontai | DataHouse Consulting, Inc | Support | No |

Comments:

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Finance Committee:

TESTIMONY FOR PART II AND PART III ONLY.

DataHouse Consulting, Inc, a long-time kama`aina technology company serving Hawaii's businesses and government organizations for over 45 years, supports Part II and Part III of SB 589 SD2 HD2 only, which seeks to make permanent the Legislature's initiative in 2017 to support UH's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students and alumni.

DataHouse understands the fluidity of technology and innovation, and the need for empowerment and flexibility in order to discover and monetize the next innovative invention. Since our inception in 1975, we've always believed in the vision that technology and innovation would lead to the development of new economies and higher value jobs for our community. As such, we strongly believe the University of Hawaii is well positioned to be the catalyst for this new wave of innovation.



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March 30, 2021

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
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MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Re: **Senate Bill (SB) 589, Senate Draft (SD) 2, House Draft (HD) 2 – OPPOSE**
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology (HSCO) is a local community of oncologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other allied health professionals who provide a voice for multidisciplinary cancer care teams and the patients they serve. Founded in 1996, HSCO is the largest oncology professional organization in the state. We respectfully oppose SB 589, SD2, HD1.

We recognize that the bill has undergone a significant transformation as the bill has moved through the process such that the HD2 version and the latest amendments are much less prescriptive and concerning than prior versions of the bill. However, we remain concerned about the changes in the governance and authority structural changes provided for in the latest version of the bill.

The UH Cancer Center has a critical role in serving the needs of our community. The UHCC is one of only 71 National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer centers in the nation. Achieving, and maintaining, NCI designation reflects all of the hard work and research excellence that is required to obtain this recognition.

While the SD1 was amended acknowledging the concerns the NCI funding and designation, we are still unsure if passage of this measure would threaten the P30 grant from the NCI of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Therefore, we recommend that we don't take that risk, especially when there seems to be little overall benefit.



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Moreover, we are concerned that the inextricable tying of together of UHCC to the John A. Burns School of Medicine for organizational and cost reduction purposes will unintentionally affect the UHCC's designation as an NCI. This also would create confusion and difficulties in determining who has the authority required for NIH grant funding under the P30 core grants, the UHCC Director or the dean of the medical school.

Should the UHCC lose its designation as an NCI designated cancer center it would no longer remain eligible for NIH grant funding and support grants. As the only NCI designated cancer center in the pacific region, the UHCC works with partners such as the University of Guam to address cancer issues specific to the Asian and Pacific Islander populations. While cancer mortality has fallen nationally, specific populations in Hawaii continue to face a higher burden of cancer and benefit from the research conducted at the UHCC on these specific racial and ethnic groups.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Acting Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
House Committee On Finance
Wednesday, March 31, 2021
2:30 p.m.
Videoconference

In consideration of
SB589, SD2, HD2
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) offers **comments** on SB589, SD2, HD2 as it relates to repealing the sunset provision in Act 38, SLH 2017, to make permanent certain provisions relating to technology transfer by UH; and makes the innovation and commercialization initiative program permanent by repealing the sunset provision in Act 39, SLH 2017.

HTDC supports parts II and III of the bill related to repealing the sunset provisions of Acts 38 and 39. The University of Hawai'i is a key partner for HTDC on many current innovation initiatives and hope we can continue to build on the momentum created since passage of these laws. HTDC does not have a position on other parts of the bill but comments that Dr. Holcombe and the UH Cancer Center have been a great collaborative neighbor for HTDC at the Entrepreneurs Sandbox. We have written letters of support for each others federal grant applications.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented to the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

by

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University of Hawai'i System

SB 589 SD2 HD2 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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 SB 589 SD2 HD2, and is very appreciative of the cooperative and collaborative approach the prior House Committee on Health, Human Services & Homeless and the Committee on Higher Education & Technology took in crafting a measure that is supportive of the UH's mission. SB 589 SD2 HD2 has a number of parts, each affecting the UH differently. Part I of the bill empowers the UH Mānoa provost with the authority and direction to find opportunities for efficiencies at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the UH Cancer Center. The HD2 version of this bill is an improvement on previous versions because it recognizes the opportunity to achieve greater operational efficiencies, reduce duplication of services, and share administrative functions without compromising the individual and unique missions of either program.

This bill also includes parts that will preserve strategic capabilities for the UH in the areas of intellectual property development and procurement. The bill seeks to make permanent the Legislature's initiatives in 2017 to support UH's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students and alumni. And finally, it reinstates the UH President as the Chief Procurement Officer for contracts for construction and construction-related professional services.

Part II removes the sunset date of Act 38, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2017, that exempts UH-sponsored technology transfer activities from specific sections of the State Ethics Code provided that these activities were subject to ethic policies and a compliance program established by UH specifically adapted to the unique feature of university generated innovations. The UH has issued a Regents Policy, an Executive Policy, and has drafted administrative procedures to require and assure compliance with an "Act 38" management plan -- designed to identify, address, and mitigate conflicts of interest that arise during technology transfer activities. To date, UH has successfully implemented the Act 38 policies and procedures for three faculty startups. This much-needed authority granted to UH sunsets on June 30, 2022.

Part III removes the sunset provision of Act 39, SLH 2017. This law, currently codified in sections 1951 through 1959 of HRS Chapter 304A, provides UH with the express statutory

authority to sponsor and directly participate in the transformation of innovations created by its researchers into viable commercial enterprises. This vital authority granted to UH sunsets on June 30, 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has once again demonstrated that Hawai'i's economy is heavily dependent on only a few sectors. As the State's only public system of higher education, UH plays a critical role in helping to diversify the State's economy by promoting research, discovery and commercial innovation. To remain competitive, it is imperative for UH to have a strong and comprehensive university level research program with the capacity to support commercial innovation.

Part IV removes the sunset provision of Act 42, SLH 2018, and permanently reinstates the President of UH as the chief procurement officer for contracts for construction and construction-related professional services. The UH is grateful that the authority of the President as chief procurement officer was temporarily reinstated in 2018 (Act 42, SLH 2018 (SB 2831)). However, the permanent reinstatement of the President as the chief procurement officer would prevent the return to an inefficient and complicated bifurcated procurement system when Act 42, SLH 2018, as currently written is repealed on June 30, 2021.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Written Statement of
Creighton Liu
Manager, Strategic Planning
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before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 31, 2021
2:30 p.m.
Videoconference

In consideration of
SB589, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

My name is Creighton Liu and I am the manager of Strategic Planning at Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. I am writing in support of Part II and Part III of SB 589 SD2 HD1, which makes permanent the Legislature's actions to support UH's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students, and alumni.

In 2017, Act 38 and Act 39 were signed into law to facilitate the transfer of the University of Hawaii research into commercially viable businesses to expand workforce opportunities, help diversify the economy and provide beneficial innovation to our community. The UH, with its broad reach throughout the state, plays a key role in Hawaii's economic ecosystem through its continuous research, discovery and commercialization of new technologies and other value-add innovations.

And, within the context of the current economic conditions in Hawaii, it is an imperative that the University of Hawaii maintain its ability to facilitate innovation and commercialization activities with its expert resource knowledge and research capabilities it provides the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in support.



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Written Statement of
Natasa Petrovic, CFO
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before the
Committee on Finance

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:30 p.m.
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In consideration of
SB589, SD2, HD2
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

Adnoviv, Inc. supports Part II and Part III of SB 589 SD2 HD2, which seeks to make permanent the Legislature's initiative in 2017 to support UH's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students and alumni.

I am the chief financial officer for Adnoviv, Inc., a Honolulu startup founded in 2013. Our company would not be here today if not for the help and support provided by the University of Hawaii. Our founders, Olga Boric-Lubecke and Victor Lubecke, are both professors of Electrical Engineering at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus, and through the Act 38 management plan implemented by the UH, they were able not only to establish the company but also to transform a mere idea to our current position as the startup with six employees and a fully developed product. Part II removes the sunset date of Act 38 currently set for June 30, 2022, and Adnoviv strongly believes that its removal would benefit much needed innovation in the state of Hawaii and encourage more start-ups to pursue the path we took.

Part III removes the sunset provision of Act 39, currently set for June 30, 2021 and Adnoviv supports removal of this provision. Through University of Hawaii's direct involvement and partnership with Adnoviv, we received tremendous support throughout the last several years. We strongly believe that UH has a crucial role in the state of Hawaii's efforts to diversify its economy and promote innovation through research & development. Our intelligent occupancy sensors have the potential to accelerate Hawaii's energy efficiency efforts and to be a crucial part of our state achieving its net zero energy goal by 2045, and that would not have been possible without the support from the University of Hawaii.

On behalf of Adnoviv, Inc., I respectfully request that the committee repeals the sunset provisions of Act 38, SLH 2017 and Act 39, SLH 2017 through the passage of both Part II and Part III of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,

Natasa Petrovic, CFO
Adnoviv, Inc.



The House Committee on Finance
March 31, 2021
2:30 PM, Videoconference, Room 308

RE: **SB 589, SD2, HD2, Relating to the University of Hawaii**

Attention: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) has appreciated the opportunity to work with the previous two House Committees and their Chairs, Rep. Yamane of Health and Rep. Takayama of Higher Education in amending Part 1 of SB 589, SD2, HD2. UHPA continues to support the position taken by the faculty and administration of the Cancer Center regarding any additional amendments needed to strengthen the autonomy of the Cancer Center and provide support for their continued progress.

UHPA supports Part II, that removes the sunset date of Act 38, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017 - June 30, 2022. We also support Part III, that removes the sunset provision of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017 - June 30, 2021. The repeal of these sunset dates will provide the University with the ability to sponsor technology transfer activities and support commercial innovation respectfully.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB589, SD2, HD2.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Jan Gouveia | University of Hawaii | Support | No |

Comments:

I will be available for questions.

Written Statement of
Ani Menon
Director of Government & Community Affairs

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 31, 2021 2:30PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Videoconference

COMMENTS FOR:

S.B. NO. 589 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

To: Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee
Re: **Testimony providing comments for SB 589 SD2 HD2**

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on Senate Bill 589 SD2 HD2.

Our comments pertain only to Parts 2 and 3 (Parts II & III) of this bill that: 1) repeal the sunset provision in Act 38 to make permanent certain provisions relating to technology transfer by the University of Hawaii; and 2) make the innovation and commercialization program permanent by repealing the sunset provision in Act 39.

Hawaiian Telcom supports repealing the sunset provisions of Acts 38 and 39, captured in Parts II and III of this bill.

Hawaiian Telcom collaborates closely with the University of Hawaii on a number of important innovation initiatives for our state. We are currently a sponsor and participant of the Innovation Impact Challenge to solve real-world challenges by bringing together a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff system-wide. For this year, University of Hawaii students and faculty are working on three different challenges. This group includes students completing a Mechanical Engineering capstone course, students working toward a MBA, UH faculty, and a Hawaiian Telcom team devoted to providing mentorship and financial support.

The solutions developed from this year's Innovation Impact Challenge will not only solve real issues we face here in Hawaii but will be applicable nationwide, contributing to the economic diversification of our state. We hope to continue this important work and more into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and share our support for Parts II and III of Senate Bill 589 SD2 HD2.

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am writing to voice my **SUPPORT for S.B. No. 589 (S.D. 2) H.D. 2.**

As a long-time member of the research staff at the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, I am extremely grateful for the changes that have been made to the original measure, namely in clearly defining the procedures for hiring and confirming the Cancer Center Director, and in specifying the line of direct reporting between the Director and the UH Mānoa Provost. These specifications support the Cancer Center by maintaining the Director's ability to control the Cancer Center's finances and other aspects of its operation, which the National Cancer Institute has indicated is key to our ability to maintain our highly esteemed NCI designation, awarded to only the top 4% of all cancer centers in the United States.

I applaud the actions of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology in adapting what was originally an attempt to reorganize the relationship between the Cancer Center and the medical school, such that the Cancer Center would have lost its status as an organized research unit. Because of HD 2, however, this measure will now codify the ORU status of the Cancer Center and the hiring and reporting system regarding the Cancer Center Director, hopefully putting an end to this reorganization attempt to rest.

With this in mind, I encourage you to **vote YES on S.B. 589 (S.D. 2) H.D. 2.** Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto
Research Study Project Manager, University of Hawai'i Cancer Center

Individuals' Testimony **SUPPORTING SB589 SD2 HD2**

Submitted to the House Committee on Finance (FIN)

March 31, 2021

Dear FIN Committee Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members, Representatives Branco, Perruso, Eli, Sayama, Holt, Tam, Ilagan, Wildberger, Kobayashi, Yamashita, Marten, McDermott, and Nishimoto:

We, the below listed faculty and staff members of the UH Cancer Center, are submitting this testimony to document our **SUPPORT of SB 589 (SD2) HD2, PART I**, which proposes to continuously improve the operational efficiency of the Kaka`ako campus through a concerted effort directed by the UH Manoa Provost.

We, as members of the UH Cancer Center, welcome this amendment (**HD2**) by the HET Committee, as it promotes efficiency while retaining our organizational structure as a freestanding Organized Research Unit of UH Manoa. It also assures the UH Cancer Center Director's authorities over administration and decisions on fiscal, hiring and tenure, and space management. These are critical conditions for the Cancer Center's successful renewal of the National Cancer Institute designation status. We thank the House HHH and HET Committees for their amendments to the Senate bill and respectfully urge the House FIN Committee to support and defend this bill.

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee, Representatives Branco, Perruso, Eli, Sayama, Holt, Tam, Ilagan, Wildberger, Kobayashi, Yamashita, Marten, McDermott, and Nishimoto:

I am Joe Ramos and I am providing personal testimony as a Professor at the UH Cancer Center to voice my **support of SB589 SD2 HD2**.

I thank the prior committees HHH and HET for addressing concerns from the previous testimony related to ensuring the Director's authority over Cancer Center administration, hiring/tenure, fiscal, and space and the reporting structure to the Provost. These are critical criteria for the Cancer Center to successfully renew our National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation. SB589 SD2 HD2 now ensures these authorities with the Cancer Center continuing as an organized research unit in UH. This language will preserve this strength for our NCI Designation renewal.

As an inventor, I also support Parts II & III, related to technology development and commercialization at UH.

We welcome Part V as an opportunity to continue to work with the Provost and Dean of the Medical School to ensure the efficient and effective management of public resources.

Thank you for all the support the legislature has provided the UH Cancer Center over the years. Your support continues to be a very important reason we have been able to renew the NCI designation since obtaining it in 1996. As you know, NCI Designation is highly desired and competitive with only 71 Cancer Centers across the US having earned it. With the designation comes millions in direct and associated funding for our work for the people of Hawaii to reduce the burden of cancer through research, patient care, education, and community outreach.

This year the Cancer Center is celebrating its 50th year serving Hawai'i. We have also been an organized research unit at UH since 1981 and we have held NCI Designation for the last 25 years. You may see our history here:

<https://www.uhcancercenter.org/50th-historical-timeline>

I urge you to pass SB589 SD2 HD2.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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| Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Chair Representative Luke, Vice Chair Representative Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance (FIN),

I am writing as a member of the Hawaii Skin Cancer Coalition to voice my **support of SB 589, SD2, HD2** which proposes to continuously improve the operational efficiency of the Kaka`ako campus through a concerted effort directed by the UH Manoa Provost.

Thank you in advance for the amendment HD2 by the Higher Education & Technology (HET) Committee, as it promotes efficiency while retaining the UH Cancer Center's organizational structure as a freestanding Organized Research Unit of UH Manoa. It also assures the UH Cancer Center Director's authorities over administrative services. These are critical conditions for the Center's successful renewal of their National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation status.

Again thank you to the Health, Human Services & Homelessness (HHH), and HET Committees for their amendments to the Senate bill and respectfully urge the House FIN Committee to support and defend this bill.