



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education & Technology
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by

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SCR 183 SD1 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS ITS ARRANGEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) would like to thank the Legislature for its interest to help improve its services arrangement with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH).

The University of Hawai'i looks forward to working with RCUH to address the points included in the resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Research Corporation
of the University of Hawai'i

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ARRANGEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

As stated in our previous testimony for SCR 183 and SR 148, the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) is already working with the University of Hawai'i (UH) to address the points of concern in SCR 183, SD1.

We appreciate the consideration given by the Senate's Higher Education Committee for adding one more representative of RCUH on the task force as evident from their amendment to their original draft of the resolution. However, we still feel that in order to achieve a fair and balanced representation for both entities, it is most reasonable and appropriate that the task force be comprised of four members appointed by the UH and four members appointed by the RCUH, with those eight members jointly appointing the ninth member who shall act as its chairperson.

RCUH is committed to supporting research, development, and training in Hawai'i and we look forward to further discussions with the UH.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
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RE: SCR 183, SD1 – Requesting the University of Hawaii to Convene a Task Force to
Examine and Assess its Arrangement for Services with the Research Corporation of the
University of Hawaii - **SUPPORT**.
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Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and support of SCR 183, SD1 regarding the service arrangement between the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (“RCUH”) and the University of Hawaii system.

RCUH has performed valuable service to our University’s research efforts, and we believe that a study of our service relationship is a prudent management step towards improving functions of both entities.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee’s support of SCR 183, SD 1.

Very truly yours,

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