



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Finance  
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### HB 2185 HD1 – RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee:

The University of the Hawaii'i (UH) supports HB 2185 HD1, Relating to University of Hawaii Revenue Bonds with one suggested amendment which would be to include the \$100,000,000.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize UH to issue an unspecified amount of revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the construction and maintenance of qualifying capital improvement projects. Authority to issue revenue bonds is necessary to enable the UH to continue addressing its capital facility needs, including new project construction and the major repair and maintenance backlog. It is important to note that HB 2185 HD1 only grants authority to issue up to that amount of revenue bonds. The UH does not intend or plan to issue any revenue bonds for any specific projects at this time – as no projects are currently identified. Nor, can the UH issue any revenue bonds until there are determined to be adequate revenues to support debt service. The purpose of this bill is merely to have the authority available and at the ready should the need for financing capital projects with revenue bonds present itself.

State financing support through General Obligation (GO) Bond appropriations is the primary method of funding infrastructure for the only public university of Hawaii'i. However, the availability of revenue bond authority would supplement GO bonds and could be valuable as a strategic revenue source. This authority would only be used for financing projects that are revenue-generating or financially appropriate for the UH.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Sandee Moniz Pa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this.