



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM
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HB 2206 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony of the University of Hawai'i at Manōa Athletics Department (UHM Athletics) on HB 2206 HD1 SD1, which would provide funding in support of our Division I intercollegiate athletics program.

Our vision for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa athletics program is to attract the best student-athletes from Hawai'i and the region and to compete at even-higher levels. This would further increase the pride of the people of Hawai'i in the only major athletic program within 2,200 miles and enable greater revenue generation from other sources. We strive to be a program that is nationally recognized at the top-tier of mid-major programs and a candidate for invitation into a Power-5 conference when conference realignments occur at the national level.

UHM Athletics therefore thanks the committee for considering this funding. Restoration of this appropriation would help UHM Athletics offset higher costs unique to Hawai'i that our peer competitors do not face. Additional funding could help upgrade athletic facilities and enhance programs for the health and well-being of our student-athletes to make our program even more attractive.

We respectfully request that the funding for Athletics be appropriated in the base budget rather than for one year only in a separate bill.

In a state with no professional sports and as the only Division I intercollegiate athletics program in Hawai'i, UHM Athletics serves as an ambassador of aloha as it represents Hawai'i nationally and internationally.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony in support of an increased appropriation for Hawai'i's major athletics program.



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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Athletics Department (UHH Athletics) on HB 2206 HD1 SD1 which proposes to provide funding in support of a Division II collegiate athletics program for the State of Hawai'i.

UHH Athletics brings in teams to play before Hawai'i residents and competes on the mainland and serves as an ambassador of aloha and a representative of all of the people of Hawai'i. Funding would help UHH Athletics offset higher costs that are unique to Hawai'i that our peers we compete against do not have to address.

UHH Athletics thanks the committee for considering this funding, which would be appreciated and beneficial to all of our sports and student-athletes at the University. Such funding would be used to offset costs for UHH Athletics that are uniquely higher than our competitors, such as travel and recruiting costs. In addition, the funds would be used to support nutritional programs, training services, and enhanced treatment and rehabilitation equipment for student athletes.

Funding would assist in addressing these unique costs, which in turn would make UHH Athletics more competitive while at the same time improve the overall student-athlete experience. As our current and future ambassadors of aloha this is vitally important. This additional funding will also bring immeasurable benefits to the Big Island and Hilo community as a collective source of community pride in our program.

UHH Athletics respectfully requests that the funding for Athletics be appropriated in the base budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

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The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2206, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, appropriates \$3,600,000 in general funds for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) and \$400,000 in general funds for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH) in FY 23 for athletics.

B&F notes that the FY 23 Executive Supplemental Budget includes budget requests to add \$3,600,000 in general funds for UHM and \$400,000 in general funds for UHH in FY 23 for athletics.

B&F also notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriations in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.