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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 3340

**February 15, 2022**  
**3:05 p.m.**  
**Room 229 and Videoconference**

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, MOLOKAI  
EDUCATION CENTER

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

Senate Bill No. 3340 appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 for the University of Hawai'i to purchase 14.5 acres of land in Kalamaula, Moloka'i, to expand and relocate the Moloka'i Education Center.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation 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.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 3:05 p.m.

By  
Erika Lacro, Vice President for Community Colleges  
University of Hawai'i System

### SB 3340 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, MOLOKAI EDUCATION CENTER

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i is in support of SB 3340 that proposes to purchase land for the relocation of the Moloka'i Education Center from its current location that lies in a flood and extreme tsunami evacuation zone to a Mauka location.

The Moloka'i Education Center was built in 1999 on 3 acres of land in Kaunakakai. The center has served between 250 and 100 students each year and serves as a learning center for the Moloka'i community. The 3,300 square foot facility is equipped with classrooms, a library common area, office space, and a parking lot.

Due to sea level rise, a strategy to relocate the Moloka'i Education Center is necessary. This bill will secure a viable relocation site for the Center.

In closing, the University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 3340 on the condition that any appropriated positions or funds do not supplant any portion of the University's Supplemental Budget Request.



# Kamehameha Schools®

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Time: 3:05 p.m.

Date: February 15, 2022

Where: Conference Room 229

## TESTIMONY

By Kau'i Burgess

Director of Community & Government Relations

RE: **SB 3340, Relating to the University of Hawai'i Maui College, Moloka'i Education Center**

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Kim, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Kidani, a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao Kulanui o ka 'Aha Kenekoa, aloha kākou!

Kamehameha Schools **supports** SB 3340, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i Maui College for the expansion and relocation of the University of Hawaii Maui College Moloka'i campus from a sea level rise zone to Kamehameha Schools' property in Kalama'ula, a space that will not be readily impacted by sea level rise.

Moloka'i nui a Hina. Great Moloka'i, child of Hina. Our stories reference the spirituality, the strength, and the ingenuity of the people of Moloka'i. We firmly believe in the positive and transformational power of education and applaud the references in the bill to the rising enrollment at the University of Hawai'i Maui College's Moloka'i Education Center.

Kamehameha Schools welcomes the opportunity to engage with educational and community leaders to kōkua the learners of Moloka'i and their 'ohana. Advancing post-secondary education and career pathways is critical to resilient communities and the future of our lāhui.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

Hānai i ke keiki, ola ka lāhui; nurture the child and the people thrive.

**Please advance this measure.**

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February 14, 2022

TO: Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3340, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
MAUI COLLEGE, MOLOKAI EDUCATION CENTER**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to support University of Hawaii, Maui College, Molokai Education Center, which is the only higher education institution on island, and preserves a space for students to pursue higher education goals.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. University of Hawaii, Maui College, Molokai Education Center is nearing capacity as enrollment continues to increase, and this measure would allow more students on Molokai to pursue higher education on their home island.
2. This measure would relocate University of Hawaii, Maui College, Molokai Education Center from a low-lying area susceptible to sea-level rise.
3. This measure furthers several Maui County General Plan policies, including the following: "Improve partnerships that utilize the skills and talents at Hawai'i's colleges and universities to benefit the County." (Countywide Policy Plan); and "Support improvements in education training programs and internships at all levels to ensure a well-educated and well-trained workforce." (Molokai Island Community Plan).

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.