

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM 'ÕNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAI'I

Legislative Testimony Hōʻike Manaʻo I Mua O Ka ʻAhaʻōlelo

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SB 1488 – RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** SB 1488, Relating to University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. This bill establishes the University of Hawai'i Conference Center Revolving Fund and accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the UH system.

Conference Center Revolving Funds already exist for the Community Colleges and UH-Hilo. This bill would create one UH Conference Center Revolving Fund and each campus would have accounts within this overarching fund, which would allow all campuses to standardize conference center programs across all campuses while eliminating unnecessary duplication of statutes. This structure is similar to many other UH funds, including the Tuition and Fees Special Fund, the Auxiliary Enterprises Special Fund, and the Student Activities Revolving Fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.