Aloha,

Please see testimony below from Mark Ryan, Student leader in sustainability at the UH Manoa. He is off island so only written testimony here.

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As a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a representative of the interests of the larger ecological communities of our planet, I implore the Board of Regents to decide to divest from the fossil fuel markets. The Hawaiian islands stand to lose much from climate change and rising sea levels and the University of Hawaii, as a quality educational institution, should be charging forward and leading the way in making waves in the sustainability community. By divesting in fossil fuels, the UH Board of Regents would not only be taking steps to help our environment and our fragile island ecosystems, but they would also be setting a strong example and standard for other universities and powerful institutions to follow. Additionally, as renewable energy sources develop, divestment in fossil fuels is quickly becoming the wisest decision in the financial sense as well. Oil and coal will quickly become obsolete in the face of developing solar, wind, hydrogen (etc.) technologies, and it’s essential to enter that market. The setting is right and the time is now; stop supporting the fossil fuel industries that are ruining our planet and put our money into markets that will help our islands instead of destroying them.

Please decide to do the right thing for our home and for our school,

Respectfully,

Mark Ryan
Undergraduate, University of Hawaii at Manoa
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Did you know that over a quarter of every tuition dollar students spend goes straight to pay the campus utility bill? UH Manoa spends about $40 million/year on electricity.

“Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war.” ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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