



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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### **HB 697 – RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (the "University") respectfully opposes HB 697 to the extent it transfers responsibility and authority to negotiate leases of private real property for University purposes from the University to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 304A-103, the University has the authority to negotiate and execute leases in accordance with statutory purposes (including negotiating for office space in buildings located on private lands). To the extent HB 697 may be in conflict with this authority, the University requests that your committee amend the bill so that subsection (7) at line 3, page 2 of the bill reads as follows:

(7) Except as otherwise provided by law, negotiate and process leases of private real property for departments and agencies of the State;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.