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HB 2725 HD1 – RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2725 HD1, Relating to Capital Improvement Projects. The University of Hawai'i ("University") respectfully requests funds to support the supplemental Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget adopted by the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i ("Board") which totals \$236.8 million for FY 2021. While the University understands the dire fiscal conditions facing the State, our capital improvement program remains a priority as construction activity has been deemed essential throughout the pandemic and is a critical driver of the economy as the State looks to best position Hawai'i for both economic and social recovery from the pandemic.

We understand that there could likely be a reduction in general obligation bond fund appropriations. As such, the University respectfully calls the Committee's attention to shovel-ready projects that would stimulate the State's economy and total \$122.51 million of the Board-approved FY 2021 CIP supplemental budget. While HB 2725 HD1 includes \$23.1 million for the University in supplemental funding in FY 2021, these projects are not a priority, as they are not part of the Board-approved budget and/or are not shovel-ready.

A summary of the Board-approved FY 2021 CIP supplemental budget is provided below with shovel-ready projects identified in the last column:

Prog ID	Project Title	\$	Shovel-Ready \$
UOH100	Mānoa Mini Master Plan Phase 2	\$66,000,000	\$66,000,000
UOH100	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$60,500,000	\$46,410,000
UOH100	Kuykendall Hall	\$4,000,000	
UOH100	Holmes Hall	\$1,000,000	
UOH100	Central Admin Facility with Parking	\$4,000,000	
UOH210	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$6,000,000	\$100,000
UOH700	Planning Projects	\$500,000	
UOH700	Campus Center Phase 2	\$35,000,000	
UOH800	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance	\$10,500,000	\$10,000,000
UOH800	HonCC Science Building	\$46,000,000	
UOH800	WinCC Agripharmatech Bioprocessing Facility	\$3,000,000	
UOH900	Renovations to enhance culture and education at Hale Pohaku or other suitable location that does not include a telescope	\$300,000	
Total		\$236,800,000	\$122,510,000

We respectfully request that the \$46.0 million for the Honolulu Community College's Science Building be allocated to other University projects as the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that they will not be ready for that building to come online in the near future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.