



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 200, Relating to the State Budget. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive branch for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

The biennium budget proposal approved by the Board of Regents recognizes the financial condition of the State and does not include any additional general fund appropriations, although it does include general fund support for the Athletics programs at Mānoa and Hilo and the Hawai'i Promise Program at the Community Colleges. These funds were in bills outside of the budget in the previous biennium.

The Governor's biennium budget request includes significant general fund reductions to UH's budget, totaling over \$78 million, or 15% of the total UH general fund appropriation. A reduction of this magnitude will have significant negative impact on our ability to meet the public higher education needs of Hawai'i in the future.

For the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) section of the budget, the Board of Regents approved a request totaling \$228.0 million for FY22 and \$232.5 million for FY23. A breakout of the projects is listed below:

Prog ID	Project Title	MOF	FY22	FY23
UOH100	Mānoa Waikīkī Aquarium	C	\$1.5M	\$9.0M
UOH100	Mānoa Renew, Improve & Modernize Projects	C	\$110.5M	\$110.5M
UOH800	CCs Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance	C	\$25.0M	\$25.0M
UOH800	CCs Minor Capital Improvement Projects	C	\$25.0M	\$25.0M
UOH210	Hilo Renew, Improve & Modernize Projects	C	\$24.0M	\$13.5M
UOH100	Mānoa Mini Master Plan, Phase 2	C	\$60.0M	\$0
UOH800	CCs ADA Systemwide Upgrades	C	\$14.0M	\$14.0M
UOH800	Honolulu CC Technology Renovations	C	\$15.0M	\$0

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UOH700	West O'ahu Renew, Improve & Modernize RIM Projects	C	\$3.0M	\$3.0M
UOH800	Windward CC Agripharmatech Bioprocessing Facility	C	\$3.0M	\$0
UOH100	Mānoa Central Administration Facility with Parking	C	\$4.0M	\$0
UOH700	West O'ahu Planning Projects	C	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
UOH800	Kapi'olani CC Koki'o	C	\$2.5M	\$30.0M
UOH800	Maui College Vocational Tech	C	\$0	\$2.0M
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$288.0M</b>	<b>\$232.5M</b>

We understand that although there have been significant positive improvements to the State's general fund outlook in recent months – notably the American Rescue Plan and the Council on Revenues forecast – that there are still considerable challenges facing Hawai'i and we look forward to working with the Legislature to overcome those challenges in the weeks to come.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.