



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 1298 HD1 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports House Bill No. 1298 House Draft 1, Relating to State Funds but has a few suggested amendments. This measure would transfer balances from various non-general funds to the State General Fund.

For the University, this bill would transfer \$89,345.98 from various UH funds to the State General Fund. The amounts listed in the bill are presented below:

Listed Name	Amount
S-396-D Legis Claims Against the State-HWY	\$ 99.16
S-309-F Center for Nursing Special Fund	\$ 0.96
S-320-F Grant for Bridge-to-Hope	\$ 87,659.78
S-399-F Legislative Relief for Claims - UH	\$ 1,586.08
Total	\$ 89,345.98

Unfortunately, it appears that there is an error in this table. We do not believe that the "S-396-D Legis Claims Against the State-HWY" fund listed is a UH account but rather is a Department of Transportation fund.

The correct section for UH should read:

Listed Name	Amount
S-309-F Center for Nursing Special Fund	\$ 0.96
S-320-F Grant for Bridge-to-Hope	\$ 87,659.78
S-399-F Legislative Relief for Claims - UH	\$ 1,583.25
Total	\$ 89,243.99

The Grant for Bridge-to-Hope and the amount for Nurse Training are from old appropriations from the Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund ("Rainy Day Fund") and are not currently used by UH. While it might be most appropriate to return those amounts to the Rainy Day Fund, given the age of the appropriation and the fact that the General Fund has made contributions to the Rainy Day Fund in recent years, it is probably justifiable for those funds to be transferred to the General Fund.

The Center for Nursing Special Fund and the Legislative Relief for Claims amounts are old funds that UH does not use and those may be transferred to the General Fund with no impact to UH.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.