



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Water & Land  
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HCR 70/HR 71 – REQUESTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO UPDATE CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO REFLECT ALL FACTORS THAT SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS, AND REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUMS ON THE FUTURE USE OF STATE LANDS CURRENTLY LEASED TO THE MILITARY

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of HCR 70/HR 71 requesting the Environmental Advisory Council and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to update Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to reflect all factors that shall be considered for the environmental impact statement process.

UH will support its faculty providing expertise, but has not been able to identify a specific coordinating unit at UH. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.