



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution. The University of Hawai'i (University) owns the real property parcel located at TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 and supports the intent of this resolution to examine the feasibility, potential, and options for developing housing or other future uses on the property. The University would hope that whatever ideas for future redevelopment would provide for benefits to the University, be an improvement enhancing the surrounding neighborhood, as well as help meet broader state issues – like addressing shortages of housing.

TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 is a parcel located near the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) campus. It currently is the location of the College of Education, the former location of Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), the University Laboratory (Charter) School, and the UHM Childcare Center. The University is undertaking capital projects that eventually will relocate all of the University facilities and will start redeveloping the former PBS building site. While there is no specific time frame or formal target as to when the property could be completely vacated, the University has already been looking towards conceptualizing potential redevelopment. Housing is an obvious consideration and has already been identified as a developed use that could offer benefits to the University as well as improvements to the surrounding neighborhood.

The resolution contemplates that the University, in consultation with Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, or any other appropriate state agency, is requested to conduct a feasibility study on redeveloping these lands into workforce housing and other affiliated uses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.