

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM 'ÕNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAI'I

Legislative Testimony Hōʻike Manaʻo I Mua O Ka ʻAhaʻōlelo

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HB 331 - RELATING TO PERMITS

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 331.

HB 331 establishes an exemption from any county permit requirement for certain routine, repetitive, and minor repair and maintenance construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department, except for any floodplain management requirements or standards. It further precludes the counties from requiring any off-site improvements for any contract for the construction, renovation or repair of facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i or School Facilities Authority.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the intent of the measure and looks forward to working with the respective counties on its implementation.

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