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HB 742 – RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports House Bill (HB) No. 742, Relating to Transit-Oriented Development. HB 742 requires the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to prepare environmental impact statements (EIS) for the Iwilei/Kāpalama and UH West O'ahu (UHWO) transit-oriented development (TOD) infrastructure improvement districts. UH owns lands within both TOD infrastructure improvement districts, including the UHWO and Honolulu Community College campuses.

UH has an accepted Final EIS dated February 7, 2007 (Accepted FEIS) for 500-acres at UHWO. The Accepted FEIS projected a 7,600-student UHWO campus, 4,041 residential units, and 842,886 square feet of commercial. The Accepted FEIS includes lands that are within the UHWO TOD infrastructure improvement district. UH's currently planned projects are consistent with the Accepted FEIS, including a \$35 million UHWO on-site infrastructure project with HCDA. UH is open to working with HCDA on the preparation of a new EIS that would evaluate higher density development within the TOD infrastructure improvement districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today.