



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2640 – RELATING TO HOUSING

Chairs Chang and Wakai, Vice Chairs Kanuha and Taniguchi, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive comments on SB 2640.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) have three campuses that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail station along the Honolulu rail transit system: UH West O'ahu, Leeward Community College, and Honolulu Community College. These campus lands support our higher education mission and we continue to examine TOD options to address UH student, faculty and/or workforce housing potential to serve our constituents, as well as revenue generating concepts to support the University.

SB 2640 focus is to address high density affordable housing development. The UH supports the production of affordable housing to address the need of the general public. However, this type of high density/high rise development may not be aligned with or suitable to meet our educational mission and needs to be assessed if it can be beneficial to our students.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our perspective.