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SB 3139 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 3139, Relating to the State Budget. The University of Hawai'i ("University") respectfully requests funds to support the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget adopted by the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i ("Board") which totals \$236.8 million for FY 2020–2021.

The Board approved CIP budget represents a comprehensive and strategic approach to its capital program framed primarily by the 2017 Integrated Academic and Facilities Plan for the University of Hawai'i System, which commits the University to maximizing the use of existing space through shared classrooms and flexible furniture that support diverse programs and interdisciplinary learning. Additionally, in 2018, the Board adopted a Resolution Supporting Moratorium on Square Footage Growth, which places a moratorium on "all new construction that results in an increase in the total campus building square footage without an equivalent reduction in square footage on any campus with an overall deferred maintenance backlog greater than 10% of the replacement value of its facilities" (except for P3 opportunities and 5 specific projects).

Based on these principles, the University adopted a 6-year CIP Plan that concentrates on modernizing existing facilities and increasing the quality of the learning, research and work environment. The process for developing the plan was driven by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and involved input from facilities teams, academic leaders, instructional and research faculty, surveys, enrollment data, course registration data, and Sightlines data. Goals and deliverables were determined through reviewing best practices and strategies for capital investment and facilities management; examining research and modern practices in teaching, learning and research; coordinating facilities planning with academic programs; and evaluating current space utilization and conditions of facilities.

In total, the University manages over 14 million gross square feet of facilities – ranging from complex biosafety laboratories to NCAA athletic stadiums and facilities. The University has been monitoring its deferred maintenance backlog for over 10 years and has seen a steady growth in the balance due primarily to inadequate and unpredictable funding. Currently, the University has nearly \$750 million in its deferred maintenance backlog, and a minimum of \$80 million a year is needed just to prevent it from further increasing.

As the only public institution of higher education in the State, the University strives to be a premier provider of knowledge and inspiration by offering dynamic and engaged learning experiences.

Unfortunately, it has reached a point where the current condition of our facilities is impeding our mission. Full funding of the Board-approved FY 2020–2021 CIP budget is needed to provide quality learning and research environments. A summary of the Board-approved FY 2020–2021 CIP budget is provided below:

Prog ID	Project Title	\$\$\$
UOH100	Mānoa Mini Master Plan Phase 2	\$66,000,000
UOH100	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$60,500,000
UOH100	Kuykendall Hall	\$4,000,000
UOH100	Holmes Hall	\$1,000,000
UOH100	Central Admin Facility with Parking	\$4,000,000
UOH210	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$6,000,000
UOH700	Planning Projects	\$500,000
UOH700	Campus Center Phase 2	\$35,000,000
UOH800	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance	\$10,500,000
UOH800	HonCC Science Building	\$46,000,000
UOH800	WinCC Agripharmatech Bioprocessing Facility	\$3,000,000
UOH900	Renovations to enhance culture and education at Hale Pohaku or other suitable location that does not include a telescope	\$300,000
Total		\$236,800,000

We respectfully request that the \$46.0 million for the Honolulu Community College’s Science Building be allocated to other University projects as the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that they will not be ready for that building to come online in the near future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.