



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2304 SD1 – RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) appreciates the Hawai'i State Legislature's intent to help provide clarity to the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) through SB 2304 SD1 but opposes the measure.

In order to address the concerns of the Legislature, both UH and RCUH have been diligently working together on the governing executive and administrative policies to clarify the relationship between the two entities.

In addition to research, about 40-45 percent of UH's annual extramural awards are for non-research projects such as training grants and student development and support grants, to name a few. Many of these projects are federally funded and are equally deserving of effective, efficient and prompt services so that UH can meet the terms and conditions of the grants.

RCUH is a key resource in UH administering these non-research grants and contracts and is why historically HRS 304A-112 referred to sponsored research and training.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.