



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

#### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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### SB 2542 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, MOLOKAI EDUCATION CENTER

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges is in support of SB 2542, "Relating to the University of Hawaii Maui College, Molokai Education Center."

The purpose of SB 2542 is to provide funds to relocate the Moloka'i Education Center to higher ground from its current location that is located in an area that may be impacted by sea level rise. It is imperative that we consider alternatives to our current Moloka'i Education Center and prepare for the inevitable.

SB 2542 will appropriate funds to begin the planning of a new center so that when the time comes the University will be ready to relocate in order to preserve the important mission of the Moloka'i Education Center.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 2542, on the condition that any funds appropriated in support of this program does not supplant any portion of the University's budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2542.