



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 1604 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments regarding SB 1604, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i for the development of faculty, staff, teacher, and workforce housing at Kaua'i Community College.

The UHCC recognizes the need for workforce housing on the island of Kaua'i. Additionally, the University of Hawai'i (UH) is committed to our mission of providing quality education and training for the residents of the state. Therefore UH greatly appreciates the support and effort to provide housing on the Kaua'i Community College campus for faculty and students to address the high demand for housing.

The UHCC is working with a consultant on an assessment report which evaluates the construction costs, operational costs, and overall site analysis of housing on the Kaua'i Community College campus. Further review of the report's findings will be conducted by the University and shared with the Legislature.

At this time, we support continued dialog and discussion of this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding SB 1604.