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**Notice of Meeting  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

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announced at the conclusion of the meeting.*

**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Windward Community College  
Hale Akoakoa 101-105  
45-720 Keaahala Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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meeting and related updates: [www.hawaii.edu/bor](http://www.hawaii.edu/bor)***

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 6, 2025 and February 20, 2025 Meetings**
- III. Public Comment Period for Agenda Items:**

All communications from the Public to the Board of Regents are welcome and distributed to all regents. To enable the Board to conduct its business, public comment at meetings may only be provided on agenda items noted below. Individuals who are unable to provide testimony at this time will be allowed an opportunity to testify when specific agenda items are called.

All comments on agenda items received after posting of this agenda and up to the end of the meeting will be distributed to the board as testimony. Written testimony may be submitted via the board's website through the testimony link provided on the Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Materials page. Testimony may also be submitted via email at [bor.testimony@hawaii.edu](mailto:bor.testimony@hawaii.edu), U.S. mail at 2444 Dole Street, Bachman 103, Honolulu, HI 96822, or facsimile at (808) 956-5156.

Those wishing to provide oral testimony virtually may register [here](#). Individuals wishing to orally testify virtually are requested to register no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be accommodated. Registration for in-person oral testimony on agenda items will also be provided at the meeting location 15 minutes prior to the meeting and closed at the posted meeting time. It is highly recommended that written testimony be submitted in addition to registering to provide oral testimony. Oral testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per testifier.

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notwithstanding loss of audiovisual communication with remote testifiers or loss of the public broadcast of the meeting.

All written testimony submitted are public documents. Therefore, any testimony that is submitted orally or in writing, electronically or in person, for use in the public meeting process is public information and will be posted on the board's website.

#### **IV. Report of the President**

- A. Update on Federal Executive Orders, Policy Changes and Related Actions, including but not limited to those listed below and any that may be issued on or before March 20, 2025:
1. [Executive Order 14151](#) – “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing” (signed January 20, 2025). Mandates the termination of all Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) and environmental justice initiatives within the federal government, including entities that receive federal funding.
  2. [Executive Order 14148](#) – “Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions” (signed January 20, 2025). Revokes or modifies prior executive actions deemed harmful, aiming to realign federal policies with the new administration's priorities.
  3. [Executive Order 14168](#) – “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government” (signed January 20, 2025). Mandates that “sex” shall be defined as an individual's immutable biological classification as either male or female and shall not include the concept of “gender identity” in federal policy and programs.
  4. [Executive Order 14173](#) – “Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity” (signed January 21, 2025). Rescinds Executive Order 11246 (1965), which mandated affirmative action.
  5. [February 14 Dear Colleague letter](#) from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. Mandates that schools and universities receiving federal funding must end race-based decision-making. The letter emphasizes that updated legal requirements will be strictly enforced, and institutions that fail to comply may risk losing federal funding.
  6. [February 7 National Institutes of Health Supplemental Guidance](#) Caps indirect costs at 15% for NIH grants to institutions of higher education.
  7. [Executive Order 14222](#) – Implementing the President's “Department of Government Efficiency” Cost Efficiency Initiative (signed February 26, 2025). Federal agencies, in consultation with the Department of Government Efficiency, must review within 30 days all covered contracts and grants (“discretionary spending through Federal contracts, grants,

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loans, and related instruments”), and terminate or modify (including through renegotiation) such contracts and grants to reduce overall Federal spending, promote efficiency, and advance the policies of this Administration. This process is to “commence immediately and prioritize the review of funds disbursed under covered contracts and grants to educational institutions and foreign entities for waste, fraud, and abuse.”

8. [Executive Order 14158](#) – “Implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Cost Efficiency Initiative” (signed February 26, 2025) Initiates broad federal budget cuts. Orders review and termination or modification of covered contracts and grants, prioritizing those to educational institutions and foreign entities.
9. [OMB Office of Personnel Management Guidance Memo](#) – “Guidance on Agency RIF and Reorganization Plans (February 6, 2025) Signals sweeping layoffs and structural changes across multiple departments.
10. [Executive Order 14188](#) – Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism (signed January 29, 2025). States that “[i]t shall be the policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.”

#### **V. Windward Community College Chancellor Report**

- A. Enrollment and Demographics
- B. Windward Community College Programs
- C. Ke Kumu Pali
- D. Faculty Senate
- E. Staff Senate
- F. WCC – ASUH
- G. Windward CC Wins National Award for Institutional Transformation

#### **VI. Report of the University of Hawai'i Foundation**

- A. Development Operations Report as of December 31, 2024 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
- B. Funds Raised Leadership Report by Campus as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2018 through FY 2025
- C. Funds Raised by Source, Gift Type, Account Category and Purpose as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2025
- D. Funds Expended by UH Programs as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2022 through FY 2025

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- E. UH Foundation Statement of Operations for Fiscal Periods Ended December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021 (unaudited)

## **VII. Agenda**

### **A. Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Indemnification Provisions in a Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH) Master Agreement between the University of Alabama and University of Hawai'i
- B. Request for Action to Approve the Establishment of the Advanced Gynecologic Surgery Endowed Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine
  - C. Request to Award Emeritus Title to Mr. Michael T. Unebasami, Retired Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges
  - D. Request to Authorize the University of Hawai'i to enter into a Lease with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic at University of Hawai'i Maui College
  - E. Personnel Action (A-1 for Approval) Director of Internal Audit
  - F. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 92-2.5(e) report on Vice Chair Tochiki and Regent Neil Abercrombie's attendance at the Joint Legislative Informational Briefing of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and Committee on Economic Development and Tourism on March 3, 2025
  - G. Legislative Update (see also list of bills in Attachment B)
    1. Legislative Calendar
    2. 2025 Budget/Funding Bill
    3. 2025 UH Legislative Package (Admin Bills)
    4. 2025 Select Bills of Interest
      - a. Board of Regents
      - b. UH Operations
    5. 2025 Select Resolutions of Interest
    6. List of Appropriation Bills and Resolutions

## **VIII. Executive Session (closed to the public):**

- A. Legal Matters and Collective Bargaining: To consult with the board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.; and to deliberate concerning the authority of persons designated by the board to

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conduct labor negotiations or to negotiate the acquisition of public property, or during the conduct of such negotiations, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(3), HRS;

1. Federal Executive Orders, Policy Changes and Related Actions as stated in Agenda Item IV.A.
2. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Update

**IX. Announcements**

- A. Next Meeting of the Board of Regents and April Committee Meetings will be on April 17, 2025 at Kapi'olani Community College

**X. Adjournment**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A-1 – Personnel actions posted for approval by the Board of Regents.

Attachment A-2 – Personnel actions posted for information only pursuant to Section 89C-4, HRS. These actions are not subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

Attachment B – List of Legislative Bills referenced in Legislative Update

Attachment A-1: Personnel Action for BOR approval. Pursuant to §89C-4, HRS, the following proposed compensation actions for excluded Executive/Managerial are disclosed for purposes of public comment.

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Executive/Managerial

Campus	Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Proposed Title	Unit	Nature of Action	Monthly Salary	Effective Date
UH System	Lau	Christopher	Director of Internal Audit	Office of Internal Audit	Appointment	\$18,750	April 16, 2025 or shortly thereafter

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Recommendation: That the Board approve the personnel action as recommended.  
Wendy F. Hensel  
President

Attachment A-2: Pursuant to §89C-4, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the following proposed compensation actions for excluded Executive/Managerial are disclosed for purposes of public comment.

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Executive/Managerial

Campus	Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Proposed Title	Unit	Nature of Action	Monthly Salary	Effective Date
UH Mānoa	Donahue	Megan	Director of Research Institute	Hawai'i Institute for Marine Biology	Appointment	\$20,667	March 21, 2025
UH Mānoa	Zell	Maureen	Dean	School of Architecture	Appointment	\$24,584	April 16, 2025 or shortly thereafter
CC System	Loo	Tiana	Interim Assistant to Senior Executive	Office of the Vice President for Community Colleges	Appointment	\$11,541	March 21, 2025 - March 20, 2026
Honolulu CC	Srinivasan	Ganesan	Dean	Communication and Services (Tech II)	Appointment	\$12,167	April 1, 2025
Kapi'olani CC	Boyer	Karen	Dean	Health Academic Programs	Appointment	\$14,556	April 1, 2025
Kapi'olani CC	Nakoa	Michaelyn	Assistant to Senior Executive	Kapi'olani Community College	Appointment	\$11,204	April 1, 2025
Leeward CC	Nakagawa	Deborah	Assistant to Senior Executive	Leeward Community College	Reassignment	\$12,574	March 21, 2025

# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

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## **REVENUE BONDS**

**HB 1168 HD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate HRE, WAM

**SB 1487 SD1** (Kouchi)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

Position: Support

Update: House HED passed as an HD1



# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

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## **CONFERENCE CENTER FUND**

**HB 1169 HD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND**

Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii system. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund. Lapses all appropriations and encumbrances of the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds out of the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed as an SD1



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## **RESIDENT TUITION FEE**

**HB 1170 HD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE**

Requires the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions.

Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Referred to Senate HRE, WAM.

## **STUDENT RELIEF FUNDING**

**HB 1171 HD2** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING**

Allows the Board of Regents to use funds in the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor. Requires a report. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Position: Support

Update: Senate HRE passed unamended





# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

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## **DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING**

**SB 1491 SD1** (Kouchi)

### **RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING**

Adds the Department of Taxation and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the list of state agencies required to share data and determine the data to be shared through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System. Requires data shared by the Department of Taxation to be aggregated or anonymized. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** House LAB passed as an HD1



# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

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## **CIGARETTE TAX**

**HB 441 HD2** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES**

Beginning 7/1/2025, amends the cigarette tax and amends the cigarette tax disposition of revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HHS/HRE, WAM

## **HAWAII PROMISE**

**HB 542 HD1** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM**

Expands the Hawaii promise program to provide scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year university of Hawaii campus who meet certain criteria. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE, WAM



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Board of Regents

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**SB 741** (Dela Cruz)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Establishes an External Audit Committee within the University of Hawaii to audit the University of Hawaii System and the Board of Regents. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

Position: Oppose

Update: House HED hearing on 3/14/2025 at 2:00pm

**SB 1651 SD1** (Rhoads)

### **RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Requires board packets to be posted three no later than 7:45 a.m. on the third business day before a public meeting. Requires boards to provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings at the time the board packet is made available for public inspection. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

Update: Referred to House LAB, JHA

**GM 624**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA FAUMUINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Update: Referred to Senate HRE

# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Academics

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**HB 546 HD1** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the aloha intelligence institute within the university of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE/LBT, WAM

**SB 1622 SD1** (Kim)

### **RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the Aloha Intelligence Institute within the University of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to House HED, ECD, FIN



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest Funding

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**SB 1530** (Moriwaki)

## **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Requires the Board of Regents or the President of the University of Hawaii to allocate general funds appropriated to the University of Hawaii to University of Hawaii program IDs in accordance with performance-based outcomes relating to student achievement and degree attainment. Requires the President to submit reports to the Legislature. Requires the President to propose at least three efficiency measures to the Director of Finance to produce a more effective budget.

[Position: Comments](#)

[Update: House HED hearing on 3/14/2025 at 2:00pm](#)

**SB 1624 SD1** (Moriwaki)

## **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Requires the Board of Regents to expend funds appropriated to renew, improve, or modernize existing University of Hawai'i facilities for only those purposes and not for current, ongoing, or anticipated capital improvement projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

[Position: Oppose](#)

[Update: House HED hearing on 3/14/2025 at 2:00pm](#)



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest Projects/Facilities

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**HB 548 HD1** (Garrett)

## **RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE/EIG, WAM

**HB 1494 HD3** (Garrett)

## **RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES**

Lapses appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa by the Stadium Authority. Transfers certain special fund moneys earmarked for the development of a new stadium in Halawa to the general fund. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for a new stadium on the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus. Renames the Stadium Authority as the Halawa Redevelopment Authority and the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District. Amends the powers and duties of the Halawa Redevelopment Authority. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)

**Position:** Comments

**Update:** Senate EDT/HRE hearing on 3/13/2025 at 3:00pm



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Personnel/Students

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### **HB 1320 HD1 (Garrett)** **RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Requires the University of Hawaii system to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Position: Support

Update: Senate HRE passed as an SD1



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Tuition Waiver/Scholarship

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**HB 1345 HD1 (Woodson)**

### **RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION**

Requires the Board of Regents to grant a waiver on all tuition and mandatory fees to a resident student enrolled in a four-year college campus of the University of Hawaii System with an education program or that offers an education degree for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[Position:](#) [Comments](#)

**Update:** Senate HRE hearing on 3/13/2025 at 3:05pm



# 2025 Select Resolutions of Interest

**SCR 137/SR 154** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION.

Position:

Update: Offered

**SCR 138/SR 155** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Position:

Update: Offered

**SCR 142/SR 160** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.

Position:

Update: Offered



# 2025 Select GMs of Interest

## Candidate Advisory Council

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### **GM 551**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, DALE NISHIKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

### **GM 552**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, BLAIR ODO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

### **GM 553**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY HENNESSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

### **GM 554**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, LANCE WILHELM, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

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# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB300 HD1	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		FIN	(H)3/10/2025-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1; placed on the calendar for Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Poepoe, Ward excused (3).	NAKAMURA
HB309 HD1	RELATING TO FISHPONDS. Establishes a fishpond inventory working group within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to create an inventory and map of all fishponds on state land and conduct a literature review. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$250000	WTL/HRE, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-Re-Referred to WTL/HRE, WAM.	POEPOE
HB442 HD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the UH system for various nursing programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HRE were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga.	GARRETT

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HB546 HD1	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the aloha intelligence institute within the university of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$4000000	HRE/LBT, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE/LBT, WAM.	GARRETT
HB548 HD1	RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE/EIG, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE/EIG, WAM.	GARRETT
HB549 HD3	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)		HRE/EDU, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-The committee(s) on HRE/EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-17-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	GARRETT



# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB563 HD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE. Appropriates funds for salaries and fringe benefits of positions for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy's Space Science and Engineering Initiative Workforce Development Program, Maunakea Scholars Program, and Internship Program. Appropriates funds for office equipment and supplies, operational costs, and stipends for the Maunakea Scholars Program and Internship Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$650000	HRE, WAM	(S)3/10/2025-The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-13-25 3:05PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY
HB643 HD2	RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM. Establishes short-term management initiatives for the coconut rhinoceros beetle response program. Appropriates funds for activities and positions related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)		HRE/AEN, WAM	(S)3/10/2025-The committee(s) on HRE/AEN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-17-25 1:00PM; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.	MARTEN
HB714 HD1	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce, including health care certificate programs and classroom renovations for health care training in public high schools and education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HHS/EDT, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HHS/EDT, WAM.	TAKAYAMA
HB718 HD1	RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine for faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics, and an environmental health and safety officer staff position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$763000	HRE, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE, WAM.	TAKAYAMA

# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB736 HD1	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes and appropriates funds for a three-year new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology testing pilot program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center. Requires interim and final reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE/AEN, WAM	(S)3/10/2025-The committee(s) on HRE/AEN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-17-25 1:00PM; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.	EVSLIN
HB1185 HD2	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Plant-based Building Materials Working Group to study and report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-The committee on HRE deferred the measure.	KUSCH
HB1300 HD1	RELATING TO CANCER. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu. Requires the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to seek federal funding to complete the study. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE, WAM.	KILA

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HB1320 HD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the University of Hawaii system to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HRE were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga.	GARRETT
HB1494 HD3	RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES. Lapses appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa by the Stadium Authority. Transfers certain special fund moneys earmarked for the development of a new stadium in Halawa to the general fund. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for a new stadium on the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus. Renames the Stadium Authority as the Halawa Redevelopment Authority and the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District. Amends the powers and duties of the Halawa Redevelopment Authority. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	\$3500000000	EDT/HRE, WAM	(S)3/10/2025-The committee(s) on EDT/HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-13-25 3:00PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	GARRETT

# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB119 SD1	RELATING TO NURSING. Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/7/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-12-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	HASHIMOTO
SB473	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.		WAM	(S)1/21/2025-Referred to WAM.	KOUCHI
SB637 SD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii System for various nursing programs. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/6/2025-Referred to HED, FIN, referral sheet 19	SAN BUENAVENTURA
SB657 SD1	RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds for the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology within the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish and operate a Center for Climate Resilient Development. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$3000000	WAL, HED, FIN	(H)3/11/2025-The committee on WAL recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Hashem, Lamosao, Belatti, Ichiyama, Iwamoto, Morikawa, Poepoe, Souza; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Shimizu; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Woodson.	GABBARD

# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB865 SD1	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish a permanent Educational Support Associate position within the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Kona Cooperative Extension. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$76570	HED, FIN	(H)3/7/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-12-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	KANUHA
SB1146 SD1	RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the development of an action plan and pre-engineering concept plan to help with debris management and water quality control in the Ala Wai watershed. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$125000	HED, WAL, FIN	(H)3/7/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-12-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	MORIWAKI
SB1232 SD2	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a 3-year New Wastewater Technology Testing Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to test and evaluate new wastewater technology systems in coordination with University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, University of Hawaii College of Engineering, Department of Health, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and appropriate county agencies. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD2)		HED, EEP, FIN	(H)3/7/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-12-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	DELA CRUZ
SB1252 SD2	RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Requires the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to establish a specialized training program to educate health care providers on methods to best care for patients having Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Appropriates funds. (SD2)		HED, FIN	(H)3/11/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Friday, 03-14-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	KIM

# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1502 SD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student programs, and facilities at the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii, West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/11/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Friday, 03-14-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	WAKAI
SB1559 SD1	RELATING TO DUNE RESTORATION. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program for dune restoration at Hanakao Beach Park. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$250000	HED, WAL, FIN	(H)3/6/2025-Referred to HED, WAL, FIN, referral sheet 19	MCKELVEY
SB1578 SD2 [monitor only]	RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Establishes the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Allows the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish out-of-state offices and facilities to support sister-state and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners, generate revenue for the State, and buy property. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)		ECD, FIN	(H)3/11/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by ECD on Friday, 03-14-25 10:00AM in House conference room 423 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	LEE, C.
SB1585 SD1	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Establishes and implements evidence-based performance metrics for the P-20 Partnerships for Education to allow better evidence-based assessments of the P-20 Partnerships for Education advisory council's workforce and pathway development programs. Requires reports to the Legislature. Authorizes the expenditure of Perkins V federal funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$6000000	EDN/HED, FIN	(H)3/6/2025-Referred to EDN/HED, FIN, referral sheet 19	DELA CRUZ



# Appropriation Bills

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1622 SD1	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the Aloha Intelligence Institute within the University of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HED, ECD, FIN	(H)3/6/2025-Referred to HED, ECD, FIN, referral sheet 19	KIM
GM4	Letter dated February 18, 2025, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2025-27 Executive Biennium Budget for the operating and capital improvement program budget requests for various departments.			(S)2/19/2025-Filed.	

# Resolutions

Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR31	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH.		H 3/4/2025: Offered	CHUN	HR30
SCR203	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	KIM	SR163
HCR32	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT A VIABILITY STUDY OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN HAWAII.		H 3/4/2025: Offered	CHUN	HR31
HCR73	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	WOODSON	HR66
SCR50	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS.	HRE	S 3/11/2025: Referred to HRE.	HASHIMOTO	SR32
HCR75	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ASSESS THE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE AND CURRICULUM TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	ILAGAN	HR67

# Resolutions

Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR96	ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	GARRETT	HR92
HCR97	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO IMPLEMENT A HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY AND HOUSING RESOURCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOUSING INSTABILITY.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	GARRETT	HR93
HCR124	ENCOURAGING THE KAWAIHUELANI CENTER FOR HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO FURTHER PROVIDE LEARNING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	HOLT	HR120
HCR125	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PRIORITIZE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT "HALAU O KAWAIHUELANI".		H 3/7/2025: Offered	HOLT	HR121
HCR162	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO OFFER STUDENTS FROM CERTAIN PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS A REDUCED TUITION RATE EQUIVALENT TO THE RESIDENT TUITION RATE.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	WARD	HR157
HCR183	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	YAMASHITA	HR178

# Resolutions

Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR189	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS TO TEST SEWAGE SLUDGE, RECLAIMED WATER, AND ANY OTHER RESIDUAL MATERIAL FOR THE PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	LOWEN	HR183
HCR195	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	QUINLAN	HR188
SCR192	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	DELA CRUZ	HCR195
HCR196	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.		H 3/7/2025: Offered	QUINLAN	HR189

# Resolutions

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SCR193	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	DELA CRUZ	HCR196
SCR89	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO EQUIP INTERESTED STUDENTS WITH THE NECESSARY ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILL SET, EXPERTISE, AND ADVANCEMENT POTENTIAL IN THE FIELD OF MEAT PROCESSING.	AEN/HRE	S 3/11/2025: Referred to AEN/HRE.	RICHARDS	SR72
SCR102	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS TO TEST SEWAGE SLUDGE, RECLAIMED WATER, AND ANY OTHER RESIDUAL MATERIAL FOR THE PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.	HHS/HRE	S 3/11/2025: Referred to HHS/HRE.	GABBARD	HCR189
SCR133	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE CEO-TO-WORKER PAY RATIO IN THE STATE.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	RHOADS	SR112
SCR137	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	DELA CRUZ	SR154

# Resolutions

Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
SCR138	REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	DELA CRUZ	SR155
SCR142	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	DELA CRUZ	SR160
SCR156	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE USE OF TAXATION AND EMINENT DOMAIN ON THE PRICE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING IN THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE CONCENTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AMONG OWNERS OF VACANT AND SURPLUS HOUSING AND INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR PROPERTY OWNERS.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	RHOADS	SR126
SCR206	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND LAND USE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CHANGES IN LAND USE OR BOUNDARY CHANGES.		S 3/7/2025: Offered.	FEVELLA	SR181

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**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Meeting Video](#)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Bachman Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room 106A/B, 2444 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chairs Laurie Tochiki and Laurel Loo; and Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, William Haning, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: President Wendy Hensel; Vice President (VP) for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Interim VP for Community Colleges Della Teraoka; UH-Mānoa Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Board Secretary Lau announced the Board Office's receipt of written testimony relating to the recent issuance of federal Presidential Executive Orders from the Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, Mahinaokalani Robbins, Rose Gallo, William Nelson, and Kiriana Anderson.

Mahinaokalani Robbins, William Nelson, and John Galas provided verbal comments on the recent issuance of federal Presidential Executive Orders.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Written Testimony Received](#)

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

Barring any objections, Chair Lee announced Agenda Item III.B would be taken up at this time followed by an executive session. Upon completion of the executive

session, the board will continue its meeting and take up the remainder of the agenda items beginning with Agenda Item III.A. No objections were raised by regents.

## **B. Update on Recent Federal Presidential Executive Orders**

President Hensel provided a [statement](#) updating regents on significant changes announced by the new administration in Washington D.C. over the last two weeks with the potential to significantly affect higher education across the nation. While these actions, along with transitions occurring throughout the federal landscape, have raised numerous questions to which no clear answers exist, she stated it was important for the board to be made aware of what is known and how the university plans to proceed as an institution and a community.

She then gave a brief overview of what constitutes an executive order, noting they must be consistent with existing laws passed by Congress, typically concern federal government operations, and are applicable to recipients of federal funds like universities; proceeded to talk about the anticipation of federal policy changes any time there is a changeover of administrations in the nation's capital but emphasized the scale and speed of the executive orders issued by President Trump's administration has been extraordinary; identified several executive orders issued by the new administration, outlining their directives and expected impacts to the university's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility programs, research funding, immigration enforcement, and Title IX protections; and touched upon some of the steps the administration is planning to take, or has already taken, to better understand and stay up-to-date on an extremely dynamic situation, while remaining in compliance with all federal and state laws. Though the likelihood of additional changes being announced in the days ahead are high, President Hensel assured members of the community that leaders from across the institution are meeting regularly and working in conjunction with Hawai'i's congressional delegation, the Governor and his team, the board, members of the Legislature, the State Attorney General, and various community members to shepherd the university and the state through this tumultuous moment for higher education and ensure a coordinated and thoughtful response to these executive orders.

In closing, she declared the university remains firmly committed to its core values, including fostering a respectful and welcoming environment for every member of our community; encouraged everyone to not lose sight of what remains constant and certain despite feelings of being overwhelmed; stressed every individual within the university system is a vital member of our 'ohana; noted faith in the significance of work being done at the university as being critical and transformative for our individuals students, our communities, our community, and our world remains strong; affirmed the university's dedication to celebrating and elevating its mission to advance knowledge and enrich society as we navigate these changes; and stated, "*Our strength lies in our community. We stand together, and we move forward together with the spirit of aloha*".

## **C. Executive Session (closed to the public)**



**Legal Matters: To consult with the board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS)**

**1. Recent Federal Presidential Executive Orders and Related Actions**

Regent Higaki moved to convene in executive session to discuss the executive session item as listed on the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Loo, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session to consult with the board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

Regent Higaki moved to formally designate President Wendy Hensel and Board Chair Gabe Lee as the two individuals with exclusive authority to speak on behalf of the university about all matters pertaining to the issuance of Presidential Executive Orders and any related actions, seconded by Vice-Chair Loo, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**A. Update on Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)**

Chair Lee referenced the information and reports relating to this agenda item contained within the materials packet. Due to time constraints, he noted the presence of John De Fries, Executive Director of MKSOA, and Regent Emeritus Ben Kudo, who currently serves as the board's representative on MKSOA, then proceeded to open the floor for questions and discussion.

Regent Abercrombie conveyed his serious qualms about MKSOA's willingness and capacity to assume full responsibility for all matters related to Maunakea lands in 2028 as required under Act 255, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022 (Act 255), particularly in light of MKSOA's stated intent to not accept the transfer of Conservation District Use Permits (CDUPs), one of the most fundamental elements of the university's responsibilities related to these lands. He went on to question whether MKSOA was truly and collaboratively engaging with the university, through UHH's Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS), in the joint management of Maunakea lands as stipulated under Act 255 given some of the information provided in MKSOA's report to the Legislature.

Chair Lee invited Executive Director De Fries to speak to Regent Abercrombie's concerns. Refencing comments made by Regent Abercrombie regarding the CDUPs, Executive Director De Fries stated MKSOA is advocating for these permits to be held by the sublessors and is currently in discussions with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) about this matter. He also noted his understanding that any future CDUPs, including those associated with lease extensions, would be held by a sublessor regardless of whether or not Maunakea oversight and management responsibilities were retained by the university providing, as an example, the California Institute of

Technology's holding of the CDUP during the recent decommissioning of the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory. In his opinion, this was not a sign of MKSOA being uncooperative and should not be interpreted as such. Executive Director De Fries then asked Regent Emeritus Kudo, the board's representative on MKSOA, if he had anything to add.

Regent Emeritus Kudo provided information on a prior decision made by the university to be the holder of the CDUP when an observatory was placed on Maunakea stating this was unusual because this type of permit is generally held by the lessee and not the landowner, or lessor. However, upon further review of Act 255, MKSOA felt such an arrangement would present a conflict of interest for the Authority as it would become the regulator of Maunakea lands in 2028 with the authority to issue permits for these lands. To avoid this conflict, which is also known as a merger of interest, MKSOA was of the opinion that having the lessor hold the CDUP was the most logical path forward and is currently seeking advice from the Department of the Attorney General on this issue. Additionally, a bill has been introduced this legislative session to clarify Act 255 with respect to this potential conflict.

Regent Miyahira inquired about the outcome of meetings held between MKSOA and DLNR on the CDUP matter. Executive Director De Fries stated MKSOA met with the Chair of DLNR last week to discuss the CDUP issue so as to fully understand the points made by Regent Emeritus Kudo above but did not engage in conversations with the DLNR Chair about language contained within legislation specific to this matter. However, he stated the legislation speaks for itself and is indicative of MKSOA's position on this subject.

Dr. Greg Chun, Executive Director of CMS, was then called upon by Regent Miyahira to share his insights on Act 255 in relation to the CDUP issue, as well as the noted legislation being proposed by MKSOA. Dr. Chun stated CMS understands the complexity of the issue and the legal points articulated by Regent Emeritus Kudo about MKSOA serving as both the permittee and permitter for Maunakea lands. However, Act 255 is clear on this matter as it specifically states general leases, subleases, and permits, including CDUPs, held by the university shall be transferred to the MKSOA upon the assignment of all rights, powers, and duties of the university to the Authority. MKSOA would then be charged with deciding how to address these leases, subleases, and permits. CMS has also spoken about this topic with both the Chair of DLNR and the Administrator for the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, the entity which oversees CDUPs, and was informed of the Department's past practice of transferring leases, permits, and other conditions attached to a parcel when property interests are conveyed from one entity to another. As a result, DLNR does not have a process in place for transferring or assigning CDUPs and the like separate and apart from the lands to which they are attached. Finally, the CDUPs, general lease, and subleases must be considered in concert seeing as they are all tied together. Should legislation proposed by MKSOA to address this matter be adopted and MKSOA does not accept assignment of the CDUPs, there will be timing issues regarding any transfer of the permits to the observatories since they can only be passed on when a sublease is formally assigned and would have to be handled on an individual basis, all subject to contested case

proceedings. While CMS did review this matter when it was embarking on the process of applying for a new general lease for the Maunakea lands and contemplated asking the observatories to secure their own CDUPs when subleases were renegotiated, this did not come to fruition and the university remains the holder of these permits which, per DLNR, are connected with the land.

Regent Abercrombie continued to voice his concerns about, among other things, MKSOA's compliance with the requirements of Act 255, especially with regard to the acceptance of the CDUPs; shared his views on some of the earlier comments made by Executive Director De Fries and Regent Emeritus Kudo, including those related to potential conflicts of interest; and drew attention to a lack of information about the transfer of DLNR's responsibilities and authority over Maunakea lands to MKSOA in MKSOA's report to the Legislature. He also lauded CMS for the work it has done with respect to Maunakea.

Dr. Chun thanked Regent Abercrombie for his comments stating CMS, on behalf of the university, is committed to fulfilling its obligations under Act 255, as well as all other responsibilities of the university under its permits and leases. He also brought up a concern raised by DLNR during its meeting with CMS regarding the bifurcation of the permitting process for Maunakea should the legislation proposed by MKSOA be approved as currently drafted and signed into law. Although he failed to mention this in his earlier remarks, there was unease about the impacts taking such an action could have on the future of astronomy on Maunakea and at the university since it would lead to mixed roles between two authorities with the power to issue permits for Maunakea lands and generate uncertainty in the process, particularly for third party applicants like an observatory.

**D. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding Board of Regents  
Legislative Advocacy per [Office of Information Practices Quick Review:  
Sunshine Law Options to Address State Legislative Issues and Measures](#)**

Chair Lee referenced the possible courses of action concerning the submittal of legislative testimony noted in the memorandum for this agenda item explaining that statutory open meeting and notification requirements impact the board's ability to quickly respond to matters before the Legislature involving the university or the board. He expressed his preference for the option involving the assignment of two or more members of a board, but less than a quorum of its membership, to present, discuss, or negotiate any board position on a matter previously adopted at a meeting and sought other suggestions from regents.

Regent Higaki moved to designate Chair Lee and First Vice-Chair Tochiki as the official advocates for the board on legislative matters for the Regular Session of 2025 and requested a memorandum to that effect be sent to all members of the Legislature. The motion was seconded by Regent Miyahira. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Vice-Chair Tochiki left at 12:33 p.m.

**E. Discussion and Possible Board Action on Pending Legislation Including:**

**H.B. No. 50 Relating to State Government**

**H.B. No. 403 Relating to the Sunshine Law**

**H.B. No. 1329 Relating to Communities**

**H.B. No. 1453 Relating to Public Meetings**

**S.B. No. 270 Relating to the Sunshine Law**

**S.B. No. 372 Relating to State Naming Commission**

**S.B. No. 381 Relating to Public Agency Meetings**

**S.B. No. 741 Relating to the University of Hawai'i**

**S.B. No. 1253 Relating to Boards and Commissions**

**S.B. No. 1254 Relating to the Board of Regents**

**S.B. No. 1566 Relating to Trusted Public Representatives**

**S.B. No. 1617 Relating to Public Meetings**

**GM624 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA FAUMUINA, for a term to expire on 06-30-2025**

Chair Lee called regents' attention to information on legislation introduced during the Regular Session of 2025 pertaining to, or having an impact on, the board or board operations, including a description of their contents and current legislative status, which was contained within the materials packet. Due to time constraints, and barring any objections, he suggested discussions focus on S.B. No. 741, S.B. No. 1254, and S.B. No. 1556 as he believed these three bills, of all the measures listed above, were the most relevant to the board. Hearing no objections from regents, Chair Lee summarized the contents of S.B. No. 741 and opened the floor for discussion.

Regent Akitake stated it was her understanding that Chair Lee submitted personal testimony on S.B. No. 741 and asked if he would share the contents of his testimony with the board. Chair Lee responded that his testimony pointed out the existence of a statutorily created and functioning Committee on Independent Audit in addition to an Office of Internal Audit (OIA), a structurally separate entity from the university administration. His testimony also noted the Legislature's authority to direct the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the University of Hawai'i System, as well as the Board of Regents. As such, the creation of an External Audit Committee within the university to audit the portions of the university already charged with governance oversight would appear to be duplicative.

Regent Miyahira shared his thoughts on S.B. No. 741 stating he viewed its proposed action as a threat and suggested the board oppose the measure. He also agreed with Chair Lee's comments about mechanisms already being in place to conduct an external

audit of the university or the board and address any objectives of the proposals put forth in the measure. The recent hiring of a new OIA Director whose term is scheduled to commence shortly will also factor into this equation as the individual chosen by the board has been asked to review the scope of OIA's mission and look at capacity issues, if any.

Regent Haning expressed his concerns about the impact passage of S.B. No. 741 could have on the new OIA Director's scope of work particularly since the individual accepted the position, in part, based upon this premise. Regent Miyahira conveyed his understanding of Regent Haning's concerns but reiterated the request made of the new OIA Director to review the scope of OIA's mission and look at the Office's capacity issues.

Regent Abercrombie asked for a status update on S.B. No. 741. VP Young informed regents about the bill's initial referral to both the Senate Committee on Higher Education (HRE) and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM). On February 4, HRE held a public hearing on the measure and passed it out of committee unamended. The measure will now be referred to WAM for further consideration, although a hearing has not yet been scheduled by this committee.

Regent Miyahira moved for the board to oppose S.B. No. 741 and the motion was seconded by Regent Akitake. A voice vote was taken, and noting the excused absence of Vice-Chair Tochiki, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Chair Lee requested VP Young provide the board with a status update on S.B. No. 1254. VP Young notified regents about a public hearing on this bill scheduled for this afternoon at 3:05 p.m. Should HRE, the first committee the measure has been referred to, pass the bill, it would then be referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary for further discussion.

Regent Faumuina left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Chair Lee provided a brief summary of S.B. No. 1254 which would prohibit active employees of the university and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) from serving on the board. He then opened the floor for deliberations on this matter acknowledging the absence of Regent Faumuina from these discussions due to his current employment status with RCUH.

Although she felt it may be wise to preclude someone in a high-level position at the university from serving as a regent due to the above average potential for conflicts of interest, Regent Akitake communicated her fears about the impacts S.B. No. 1254 could have on the applicant pool for regents, particularly with respect to the board's neighbor island slots.

Chair Lee noted his qualms about the affect S.B. No. 1254 would have on the ability to sit a student regent on the board since, in many instances, students interested in pursuing this position are also employed by the university in some capacity. He suggested a possible solution to this problem would be to amend the measure by inserting a carve out provision for the student-regent.

Regent Abercrombie voiced his support, on principle, for the prohibition on active university and RCUH employees serving as regents, although he did agree an exception should probably be made for the student regent.

Further discussion ensued among regents regarding the benefits and drawbacks of S.B. No. 1254; specifics about the impact employment at the university or RCUH would have on an individual's eligibility to apply for, or be appointed to, a position on the board; the necessity of modifying Regents Policy if the measure passes and is signed into law; and potential solutions to address these issues.

In view of the above conversations, Chair Lee proposed the board support the intent of S.B. No. 1254 and offer amendments to exempt the student regent from the provisions of the bill and stipulate an individual who is currently an employee of the university or RCUH must resign their position upon appointment to the board.

Regent Miyahira moved to approve the recommendation as articulated by Chair Lee and the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Loo.

Although she would be voting in support of the motion, Regent Akitake emphasized the negative impacts S.B. 1254 could have on the regent applicant pool, especially for the position of Maui County regent, even with the proposed amendments.

There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a voice vote was taken, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Tochiki and Regent Faumuina, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Regent Faumuina returned at 12:51 p.m.

Chair Lee asked for a status update on S.B. No. 1556. VP Young stated S.B. No. 1556 has currently been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations (GVO). Although a public hearing on the bill has yet to be scheduled, should GVO choose to do so and passes the measure out of committee, it would then be referred jointly to JDC and WAM for further action.

A summary of S.B. No. 1556 was provided by Chair Lee who explained the measure proposes to have the Office of Information Practices assign a volunteer trained in the requirements of Chapter 92, HRS, more commonly referred to as Hawai'i's Sunshine Law, to observe a public agency's executive session. He also shared his views on some of the problems this bill could pose for the board.

Regent Akitake moved for the board to oppose S.B. No. 1556 and the motion was seconded by Regent Miyahira.

Regent Abercrombie inquired about the introducer of S.B. No. 1556. VP Young noted the introducer of this measure was Senator Les Ihara. He also clarified that the bill was applicable to all state boards and commissions and not just the Board of Regents.



There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a voice vote was taken, and noting the excused absence of Vice-Chair Tochiki, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Chair Lee mentioned Governor's Message 624 submitting the name of Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Faumuina to the State Senate for consideration and confirmation as a regent. Although the board, as a whole, does not generally take a formal position on such messages, regents were informed of their ability to submit testimony on this matter in their individual capacity.

Regent Abercrombie inquired as to whether the board needed to take a formal position on S.B. No. 1651. Board Secretary Lau responded that S.B. No. 1651 seeks to require board packets to be posted two or more full business days before a public meeting. Since the Board Office already does so, passage of this bill would have no bearing on the board or board operations.

A brief discussion ensued on the rationale for S.B. No. 1651 and whether there would be any impacts on an individual's ability to submit testimony to the board with Board Secretary Lau noting current law requires the acceptance of testimony up to the end of a scheduled meeting. VP Young added that this measure was intended to clarify the time period by which a board packet needed to be publicly posted and ensure it was done two or more full business days before a meeting.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Lau  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents

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**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Meeting Video](#)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, Hale Kīho'iho'i Room 101, 722 South Aohoku Place, Hilo, HI 96720, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (9): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chair Laurel Loo; and Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Excused (2): Vice-Chair Laurie Tochiki and Regent William Haning.

Others in attendance: President Wendy Hensel; Vice President (VP) for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Interim VP for UH Community Colleges (UHCC) Della Teraoka; UH-Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Hawai'i Community College Chancellor Susan Kazama; UH-Maui College (UHMC) Chancellor Lui Hokoana; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

Rising on a point of personal privilege, Regent Abercrombie acknowledged the presence Dr. Larry Kimura, a professor of Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies in the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language at UHH and preeminent linguist, whom he considered to be a friend, mentor, and living treasure for all of Hawai'i.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2025, MEETING**

Chair Lee inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January 16, 2025, meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**



Board Secretary Lau announced the Board Office's receipt of written testimony from Keola Donaghy and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs related to the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne.

Dianne Deauna offered verbal remarks pertaining to the provision of compensation for Graduate Assistants employed by the university given its operating and capital improvement funding requests contained within legislation related to the State's operating and capital improvement budgets.

Students from Kua O Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School, Susie Osborne, and Keola Donaghy provided oral comments related to the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Written Testimony Received](#)

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEM**

##### **A. Request to Award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne, UHMC**

Chancellor Hokoana spoke about the long and illustrious career of award-winning composer, performer, arranger, and producer Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne highlighting several of his most notable accomplishments including, the composition of more than 1,500 songs; the production of over 200 albums; the feat of winning 27 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, and the receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts. Based upon his remarkable career, his immeasurable contributions to Hawaiian music, and his deep commitment to perpetuating the Hawaiian culture, much of which is reflected in the numerous letters received in support of this action, UHMC administration believes awarding an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Kahu Makuakāne is warranted and merits board approval.

Regent Wilson lauded the work and achievements of Kahu Makuakāne, sharing a personal story about the impact the Kahu's extraordinary compassion had on himself and his 'ohana with the passing of his son approximately three years ago. He then moved to approve the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters as requested by UHMC. The motion was seconded by Regent Akitake and, noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Tochiki and Regent Haning, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Kahu Makuakāne expressed his gratitude to the board and the university for bestowing this honor upon him and thanked his wife, family, friends, colleagues, church 'ohana, mentors, and the community for the love and support he has received throughout his career.

#### **V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

##### **A. Update on Federal Executive Orders and Policy Changes**

President Hensel updated regents on impacts being felt by the university, as well as institutions of higher education across the nation, as a result of rapidly evolving federal policies and Executive Orders being issued by the new Presidential Administration in Washington, D.C. Although these federal directives have mainly affected things like research funding and any matter pertaining to what has been termed environmental justice, affirmative action, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), to date, their effects are being seen across the entire spectrum of higher education. The lack of definitions within the Executive Orders specific to the aforementioned terms has also led to confusion, uncertainty, and insecurity within the higher education community. However, recent communications received from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and other federal departments and agencies providing information and guidance on, among other things, the interpretation of the Executive Orders as they relate to universities, compliance requirements, and penalties for non-compliance, which can include the loss of funding for student financial aid and research grant monies, in addition to civil and criminal penalties, offers some insight into the direction being taken by the new administration. Policy changes announced by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) nearly two weeks ago capping the payment of indirect costs for activities associated with research contracts at 15 percent, regardless of whether they are existing or prospective; the significant restriction or freezing of all research funding related to DEIA or environmental justice activities through earlier Executive Orders; and the continued issuance of stop work orders and termination notices relating to university research awards in the targeted categories, despite the issuance of a temporary restraining order to the contrary, are also of extreme concern given the titanic implications these changes could have on the university's finances, as well as students, faculty, staff, and the important research itself. Though it is believed the federal administration's ability to retroactively change existing practices and contracts may be limited, the power to establish them prospectively is generally viewed as being far broader when appropriate procedures are followed. As such, the university is supportive of litigation initiated by the State Attorney General to halt enforcement of these Executive Orders.

Besides the detrimental effects enforcement of these policy changes and Executive Orders could have on the university as an institution, the consequences for the university 'ohana also loom large as revenue streams used to subsidize the salaries of thousands of faculty and staff and avenues of financial support offering increased opportunities for individuals who might not otherwise be able to attend college to do so are being affected by these directives. Seeing as how the substantial amount of federal research funding received by the university on an annual basis provides both direct and indirect economic benefits to the state, there are also tangible impacts for the general public should the policy changes and Executive Orders proceed forward unabated or without alteration.

As it walks through this moment of upheaval and change, the university will remain steadfast in its core mission and values of accessible education and academic freedom for all and is committed to a measured, thoughtful, and consultative approach when dealing with this challenging environment. To this end, President Hensel informed the board about weekly, if not more frequent, meetings being held with university leadership, including all of the vice presidents, the UHM Provost, and the chancellors from every campus, to coordinate the institution's response to the myriad of issues stemming from

federal directives and Executive Orders which are in constant flux. Other steps being taken by the university to proactively address and mitigate the impacts of these changes include the formation of an advisory council made up of representatives from various university constituencies which will function as a forum for faculty, staff, and students to share their concerns and ideas and ensure community perspectives are incorporated into the universities response strategies; the initiation of a thorough review of policies, programs and positions to evaluate the university's compliance with the new federal mandates; and the creation of a website to serve as a one-stop resource and information center for the university community. Additionally, the university has teamed up with the University of Hawai'i Foundation (UHF) to launch a fundraising effort in support of graduate students impacted by the freezing of federal monies so as to ensure uninterrupted instruction for these individuals.

Even though challenges appear daunting and setbacks are expected, President Hensel expressed her belief in the institution's ability to weather the storm due in part to, its long history of standing up for the values held by its constituencies, principles which are built into the very fabric of the university. She also pledged to communicate frequently and clearly with the university 'ohana about this matter so as to better navigate this time with care, thoughtfulness, and resolve.

## **B. Update on Campus Tours**

The presidential tour of university campuses and education centers continues to proceed on schedule with six campuses and two workforce centers being visited to date. President Hensel shared a little about some of the experiences she has had on the tour thus far stating her message to every campus and education center stressed the importance of each to the success of the university system and emphasized the site visits were only the beginning of plans to have ongoing conversations about how to move forward together. She noted that, while each campus and education center has unique characteristics reflective of the communities they serve, they also share common concerns, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. A few of the early themes emerging from these sessions include the necessity of establishing a baseline standard of care across the university's ten-campus system in order to ensure each student has the same level of support and chance to succeed; the leveraging of technology to provide equitable access to students across the system, especially for campuses currently lacking in critical tools and technical resources; the streamlining of student pathways between community colleges and four-year campuses to allow for the seamless transition of academic credits and eliminate the need for articulation agreements within the university system; and the expanded use of Artificial Intelligence to improve student services, operations, and efficiency. Upon the completion of her tour, President Hensel stated she will return to the board with a vision of how to take the conversation to the next level and strengthen the system as a whole, achieving excellence in ways our campuses, as individual entities, cannot, and ensuring each campus has the resources and support they need to be the very best version of themselves.

## **C. Good News Around Campus**

President Hensel highlighted several notable accomplishments of, and accolades received by, campuses from across the university system including the presentation of the prestigious ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation 2025 to Windward Community College in recognition of the campus's innovative efforts in expanding access to education, particularly through its fully online Hawaiian studies degree workforce-aligned programs and essential student support services; the launching of a new Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education Program within UHM's College of Education which will provide candidates with the needed competencies and experiences to nurture and guide children from birth through age eight and address the critical shortage of early childhood educators in Hawai'i; and the kicking off of a new video series produced by UHCC showcasing how Native Hawaiian students are excelling academically across the seven community college campuses, while embracing traditional native Hawaiian values and knowledge, thereby capturing the manner by which the university's two-year institutions are fostering a supportive and empowering environment where Native Hawaiian students can thrive.

#### **D. UHH Campus and HawCC Campus Presentation**

Chancellor Irwin and Chancellor Kazama began their joint campus presentation by briefly reviewing student population statistics and demographics, along with enrollment statistics, relative to each institution, highlighting the diversity of students they serve but emphasizing these figures were not due to any special admissions policies or the like, but rather, a reflection of the diversity of Hawai'i Island. They then went over five-year enrollment trends for each campus, pointing out recent upticks in enrollment for HawCC and a slight decrease in enrollment experienced by UHH; touched upon some of the enrollment challenges faced by both campuses over the last several years, as well as strategies developed and work undertaken to stabilize and improve upon this metric of success, stating there were signs of hope on the horizon; provided data on non-credit enrollment at HawCC by industry, stressing these figures are not included in the overall headcount enrollment numbers; discussed Hawai'i Island's lower-than-average college-going rate among eligible high school students, in conjunction with comparative pre- and post-pandemic numbers for this statistic, noted the impact this has on enrollment figures; spoke about the reasons individuals on Hawai'i Island choose to forego a college education, which mainly revolves around economic factors, and efforts being made by both campuses to address this matter through initiatives such as the Upward Bound Program; noted the strong academic relationship between the two campuses as evidenced by various articulation and career pathway agreements, in addition to the sharing of facilities and services, despite their two distinct missions; commented on the development of partnerships with other campuses within the university system to meet student educational requirements; delved into the creation, development, collaboration associated with, and implementation of, career pathways and workforce development initiatives which have been designed to address community needs, together with some of the challenges they face; mentioned a few of the academic successes for each campus such as HawCC's Model Home Project program and all-time high percentages realized by UHH in first-year retention rates, six-year graduation rates, and two- and three- year transfer graduation rates; shared stories about research projects at UHH which have drawn national attention; expounded upon the tremendous amount of community support

enjoyed by both institutions; brought up collaborative undertakings with UHF staff assigned to the campuses which have resulted in the securing of funds for new scholarships and student financial aid packages; and gave an update on each institution's accreditation status, going over procedures, timelines, and activities associated with the process. Chancellor Irwin also talked about several components of UHH's Strategic Enrollment Management Plan (SEMP), as well as the relationship they have with the campus's recently created 2025-2035 Integrated Strategic Plan, noting copies of both documents were contained within the materials packet, and cited ideas already under consideration to act upon the SEMP's goals and objectives. She added both documents were under review, in light of the recent federal Executive Orders, for compliance with federal law.

### **Faculty Report**

Karen Pellegrin, Chair of the UHH Faculty Congress, reported on the work conducted by the Faculty Congress over the past two years summarizing some of the major issues discussed as well as key actions taken during that timeframe including the approval of policies related to workload equivalencies and shared governance, new programs in areas of workforce need, and a new, harmonized UHH Integrated Strategic Plan, which Chancellor Irwin spoke about earlier. She also drew attention to a steady, albeit slow, increase in the amount of extramural research awards received by UHH each year, stating more investments in research infrastructure is key to accelerating this growth; talked about a concerning downward trend in overall headcount enrollment over the last decade or so, noting projections indicate these numbers will continue to decline if steps are not taken to address this matter; and highlighted the roles both of these performance indicators play in ensuring the economic well-being of the Hawai'i Island community.

Jana Smith, HawCC Academic Senate Chair, spoke about the mission and vision of the Academic Senate, which is focused on keeping students and student success front and center; the make-up and operations of the Academic Senate and the methodology used to conduct meetings so as to ensure inclusivity and productivity and allow faculty participation to the greatest extent possible; and the work done by this governance body over the past year such as reviewing and approving research and curriculum proposals and policies and offering support for HawCC's strategic plan. She also mentioned efforts undertaken to improve upon and increase transparency and communication between administrators and faculty members stating the Academic Senate's Executive Committee engages with Chancellor Kazama and her team on a monthly basis to discuss matters of import to HawCC and its faculty.

### **Student Report**

Chelbi Sirach Espiritu, President of the UHH Student Association (UHHSA), and Ryan Goforth, Vice President of UHHSA, highlighted several activities undertaken by UHHSA since the start of the current academic year to increase engagement with the Hawai'i State Legislature and legislators, meet basic student needs and address food insecurity, and improve the well-being of students, both academically and holistically. They also talked about UHHSA's involvement in consultation and the provision of



feedback with respect to proposals aimed at increasing or establishing new student and student housing fees.

Meleana Ahia, Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – HawCC (ASUH-HawCC) provided an update on some of the work and achievements of ASUH-HawCC such as engaging with various campus organizations to improve upon the overall student experience; initiating a collaboration with Vibrant Hawai'i to provide increased outreach to students and help support them in navigating the plethora of resources available to meet basic and other needs; attending conferences focused on leadership, growth, collaboration, and inclusivity in order to better serve HawCC's students; and strengthening ASUH-HawCC's newsletter. ASUH-HawCC is also actively recruiting to fill vacant positions within this governance body. Ms. Ahia went on to share a little about her personal experiences as a student at HawCC, expressing gratitude to her instructors, mentors, and the entire university 'ohana.

### **Staff Council and Native Hawaiian Council**

Chancellor Irwin noted the inclusion of a report from the UHH Staff Council within the materials packet stating this governance group opted out of presenting at today's meeting. The Native Hawaiian councils at each campus likewise chose not to provide an in-person presentation at today's meeting in light of the site visits and activities over the last day-and-a-half showcasing their work.

Referencing both campuses successes and noting some of the good work being conducted by each institution, Regent Miyahira encouraged the use of a more aggressive, proactive approach to bring about a greater awareness of these achievements amongst the State's decision makers and the general public. He then shared his thoughts on how, in his mind, this would be beneficial to each campus, especially when it comes to increasing enrollment numbers. Chancellor Irwin stated both UHH and HawCC have had turnover in staffing of their respective communications, marketing, and external relations offices and are working on hiring individuals for these positions in order to get the stories mentioned by Regent Miyahira out to the local community.

Regent Abercrombie thanked both campuses for the clarity and thoroughness of their presentations. He proceeded to offer his opinion on challenges being faced by institutions of higher education across the nation as a result of what is happening in the nation's political landscape, much of which was brought up earlier during President Hensel's remarks; share his thoughts on identity and mission alignment, issues he believed were the essence of the Integrated Strategic Plan mentioned by Chancellor Irwin; and stress the need to ensure clarity of the Integrated Strategic Plan with respect to the context in which the university is operating at present. He also praised President Hensel for her efforts in leading the university during the short time she has been in the position and recited the statutory definition of, and the requirements for exhibiting, the *Aloha Spirit*, a concept he believes the university should use as the basis for contending with external forces currently impacting the institution. Chancellor Irwin clarified that the remarks she made earlier about the components of the Integrated Strategic Plan were specific to the plan for UHH and not the university's overall strategic plan. However, conversations on the mission, vision, strategic plans, and roles of each campus as part

of the larger university system have been occurring since President Hensel's arrival a few weeks ago and are ongoing.

Regent Faumuina asked Chancellor Irwin and Chancellor Kazama to provide him with a breakdown of tuition revenues and expenditures for each campus so he could gain a clearer understanding of the funds coming in and what they are being used for. He also inquired as to whether plans were being developed to address the potential loss of talented employees given the uncertainty surrounding the receipt of federal funding. Chancellor Irwin replied that the impacts of the Executive Orders and federal directives being issued are still being assessed, although they could be profound. However, as agreed to at the board meeting held earlier this month, President Hensel and Chair Lee have been delegated as the two individuals with sole authority to speak publicly on behalf of the university regarding such matters. Suffice it to say, President Hensel, system administrators, and the heads of each campus are meeting regularly to discuss any issues arising from things occurring at the federal level in order to develop a coordinated, systemwide response.

Referencing the uniqueness and numerous accomplishments of academic programming at UHH and HawCC, Regent Akitake praised both campuses for their work and echoed the remarks made by Regent Miyahira about the need to publicly highlight these programs and their achievements.

Regent Faumuina inquired about efforts being made by the Faculty Congress to address the downward trend in enrollment at UHH noted in its presentation. Dr. Pellegrin stated the Faculty Congress has provided substantial feedback on, and has worked collaboratively with the administration in the shaping and development of, UHH's new Integrated Strategic Plan, so as to allow for an increased focus on what programs the campus should be developing relative to community needs and, in turn, the prioritization of resources for these programs. Additionally, the Faculty Congress has been deeply engaged with the community to identify academic areas where growth is needed and has had discussions on factors contributing to declines in enrollment, along with ways to address them, such as improving outreach to socioeconomically disadvantaged communities across Hawai'i Island.

Regent Higaki lauded Chancellor Irwin, Chancellor Kazama, their teams, the faculty and staff, and especially the student leaders at UHH and HawCC for their efforts to, among other things, improve upon the programming, student experience, and academic successes of each respective institution.

Citing public comments made pertaining to the provision of equitable compensation for Graduate Assistants employed by the university, and in the interest of time, Regent Abercrombie asked if the administration could supply regents with more detailed information on the issues surrounding this matter as appropriate.

## **VI. REPORT OF THE STUDENT CAUCUS**

Chelbi Sirach Espiritu, UHH representative on the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus (UHSC), and Alexander Tang, acting as a representative for the UHM Graduate

Student Organization, offered insights into the membership, meeting schedule, and operations of UHSC, noting it serves as the official representative and advocacy body for undergraduate and graduate students across the 10-campus university system and serves as the liaison between its constituents and the university administration. They presented information on several transitions the UHSC has been dealing with including the appointment of a new student regent, the election of a new Executive Council, and modifications to meeting modality and frequency; spoke about the involvement of UHSC in systemwide committees like the University Council on Articulation, Artificial Intelligence Strategic Council, and Lamakū Advisory Group; touched upon the primary areas of responsibility for a myriad of UHSC's standing and ad hoc committees; went over some of the legislative activity undertaken, including the submittal of testimony on various bills with the potential to impact students; and discussed a few of the organization's upcoming activities and plans for the future.

Citing the use of Tuition and Fees Special Fund (TFSF) monies to compensate employees for temporary hazard pay resulting from a settlement negotiated between the State and public sector unions, Regent Abercrombie inquired as to whether UHSC's Legislative Action Committee has taken up this issue. Mr. Tang stated this matter was brought up during the last UHSC meeting which was held at UHM. At that time, it was UHSC's understanding that the negotiated temporary hazard pay compensation was funded via a manner prescribed by statute which requires the renumeration of fringe and other benefits to come from the same funding source used to pay for an employee's regular salary. Thus, TFSF monies must be used to fund the aforementioned temporary hazard pay compensation for any employee whose salary comes from this source. However, UHSC would be open to having someone from the administration provide additional information on this topic to the caucus at its next meeting on March 7.

Regent Abercrombie continued to press the issue informing the representatives from UHSC of the urgency of this matter given the legislative timetable, the amount of money involved, and the prospective impacts it could have on TFSF monies, seeing as there will be decades-long implications to pension and other retirement benefits as a result of this settlement which will need to be paid for in the future. He also described actions being taken with respect to the use of TFSF revenues in this manner as a raid on the fund; offered his thoughts on the fairness of using these monies to pay for a settlement negotiated between the State and public sector unions when student voices were not represented in those discussions; questioned the thoroughness of the university administration's communication with students about the particulars of the situation; pointed out the unprecedented nature of this negotiated settlement stating it was not within the normal course of events; pointed out some of the financial impacts this action will have on the State's Employees Retirement System noting it will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars over and above the nearly half-a-billion dollars already being expended for hazard pay compensation; expressed his belief in the Governor's and Legislature's lack of understanding concerning the true costs of the negotiated settlement; and urged UHSC to schedule an emergency meeting on this topic and take this opportunity to stand up for their constituency.



Regent Faumuina raised a point of order and reminded regents to be mindful of their tone when addressing students and student government leaders as they deserve respect. After having spent a tremendous amount of time with UHSC over the course of nearly a year, he expressed his gratitude for the work and effort of this governance group, its members, and its leaders, stating they take their jobs seriously and really care about the issues facing students throughout the university system.

Mr. Tang thanked the regents for their remarks and stated he and Ms. Espiritu will bring the concerns raised back to UHSC's Executive Council to determine if further action is warranted.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Approval of a Request to Restore the Master of Laws Program (LLM) Nonresident Tuition Rate at the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL)**

### **B. Approval of a New UHH Student Athletic Fee**

### **D. Approval of a Request to Implement a New Student Engagement Fee UHH**

Barring any objections from regents, Chair Lee stated he would be removing Agenda Item VII.C from the consent agenda and placing it on the regular agenda for further discussion. No objections were raised by regents.

Regent Miyahira moved to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Agenda Item VII.C and the motion was seconded by Regent Wilson.

Regent Abercrombie sought clarification as to whether revenues generated by the restoration of the nonresident tuition rate for the LLM Program and the noted fee requests would be deposited into the TFSF. Since it is specifically tuition related, VP Young stated monies received from the restoration of the LLM nonresident tuition rate at WSRSL would be placed within the TFSF. However, at present, he was not certain about the existence of special fund or revolving fund accounts at UHH capable of accepting the funds generated by the respective fees. Should there be no such accounts, then those monies would be inured to the TFSF. Chancellor Irwin confirmed the existence of special fund or reserve accounts for UHH Athletics and the Student Life Center to which revenues from the respective fees would be deposited but was not positive about a similar type of fund being in place for the Student Engagement Fee and would need to confirm this.

There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Tochiki and Regent Haning, and the no vote of Regent Abercrombie, the motion carried with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

### **C. Approval of an Increase in the Student Life Center (SLC) Fee at UHH**

Referencing conversations about the magnitude and timing of the requested SLC Fee increase which took place at the Committee on Student Success meeting held earlier this month, Regent Miyahira moved to modify the proposal put forth by requiring the

increase to be phased in over a three-year period with 40 percent of the total recommended amount of the fee increase being levied in year one, 30 percent in year two, and 30 percent in year three. He stated he had a discussion about this proposal with Chancellor Irwin who concurred that it would be workable for UHH. Regent Higaki seconded the motion to amend the initial proposal as stated by Regent Miyahira.

There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Tochiki and Regent Haning, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)**

Regent Faumuina moved to convene into executive session to discuss the executive session item as listed on the agenda, seconded by Regent Akitake, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Tochiki and Regent Haning, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 11:37 a.m. stating the board met in executive session to discuss the matters as noted on the agenda.

#### **IX. AGENDA ITEMS (continued)**

##### **A. Semi-Annual Extramural Awards Update**

VP Symos offered some general remarks on the university's receipt of extramural awards which, as of February 19, 2025, stood at roughly \$550 million with just around four-and-a-half months left in the fiscal year. While this figure is over \$100 million more than what was received during the same period last fiscal year and the current trajectory seems to indicate the university will witness another record-breaking year in extramural funding received, he cautioned that the major unknown was whether or not the university would be allowed to expend these monies given the slew of Executive Orders and federal directives issued over the past month. VP Symos also drew attention to trend data on the amount of extramural awards received by campus which was contained within the materials packet and noted the success rate of faculty in obtaining extramural awards which he described as being phenomenal.

To gain a better understanding of the impacts the Executive Orders and federal directives could conceivably have on the university's receipt and expenditure of extramural research funding, VP Symos spoke about the diversity of agencies and organizations to which faculty submit research proposals and from which research funding is obtained, reviewing figures related to funding sought, revenues received, and expenditures from sponsoring agencies since 2022. He shared his perspectives on the affects he and his office believe the Executive Orders and federal directives will have on extramural funding received from five of the larger sources of these kinds of monies

including the United States Department of Defense, USDOE, NIH, the National Science Foundation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; called attention to the university's receipt of 30 stop-work orders and two termination orders as of this morning; and repeated information provided earlier by President Hensel about the coordination of fundraising efforts with UHF to provide support to graduate students impacted by the actions of the federal government. He also briefly discussed cost recovery for indirect research expenses, something of paramount importance to research operations, which also has the potential of being impacted by the activities of the federal government, although, in his opinion, reductions in what are commonly referred to as F&A costs, will be difficult given the amount of time it takes to negotiate these payments. While a tremendous amount of uncertainty about the state of affairs with respect to extramural funding remains, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, in conjunction with the university administration, continues to monitor and discuss the situation daily.

Regent Abercrombie asked whether F&A costs referred to what generally would be termed overhead costs and sought clarification on what this amounted to for the university. VP Symos replied that F&A costs did refer to overhead costs. For research projects executed at UHM, the negotiated F&A rate is 45.5 percent, while the rate negotiated for projects conducted at Kaka'ako via the UH Cancer Center or John A. Burns School of Medicine is 56.5 percent.

Given VP Symos's response to Regent Abercrombie's inquiry, Regent Miyahira asked if his understanding was correct that modifications to the F&A rates being considered would impact projects where such a rate was already negotiated and approved, and therefore, would be a failure to honor a previous commitment. VP Symos responded in the affirmative stating this was one of the reasons why he believed doing so would be difficult. He also noted this was something attempted in 2017 during President Trump's first term in office. In response to this, Congress placed provisions in every appropriations bill whereby unilateral decisions cannot be made with respect to adjusting indirect cost rates, language which continues to be placed in funding measures to this day.

Regent Abercrombie shared his thoughts on, and engaged in discussion with VP Symos about, the national political climate with respect to extramural research funding; the administration of President Trump capping the recovery of indirect costs for research projects at 15 percent and the impacts this will have on the university; legal actions already initiated to address this matter, in addition to the potential for future legal challenges, and the time it will take for their resolution in the courts; and the necessity of the university administration operating on the basis of drastic reductions occurring in the realm of federal research funding.

Regent Wilson suggested the administration keep the board and regents apprised of the situation as often and as quickly as possible particularly since it is changing on a day-to-day basis and is something of crucial importance to the university and the state.

## **B. Legislative Update**

- 1. Pursuant to Section 92-2.5(e), HRS, Chair Lee and Vice Chair Tochiki report on attendance at the Legislative Informational Briefing for the House Committee on Finance on January 13, 2025**
- 2. Pursuant to 92-2.5(e), HRS, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Tochiki, and Regent Abercrombie report on attendance at the Joint Legislative Informational Briefing for the Senate Ways and Means and Higher Education Committee on January 17, 2025**
- 3. Pursuant to 92-2.5(e), HRS, Chair Lee and Vice Chair Tochiki report on attendance at the Legislative Informational Briefing for the Senate Committee on Higher Education on January 23, 2025**

As required under Section 92-2.5(e), HRS, Chair Lee reported on his and Vice-Chair Tochiki's attendance at informational briefings held by the House Committee on Finance on January 13, 2025, and the Senate Committee on Higher Education on January 23, 2025. He also noted himself, Vice-Chair Tochiki, and Regent Abercrombie attended an informational briefing held jointly by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Higher Education on January 17, 2025.

#### **4. Legislative Update**

Chair Lee referenced the materials for this agenda item which were contained within the board packet and thanked VP Young for the thoroughness of the information provided.

- 5. Potential Action on Pending Legislation (HB50, HB403, HB1329, HB1453, SB270, SB372, SB381 SD1, SB741, SB1253, SB1254, SB1556, SB1617, SB1651 SD1, GM624)**

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was deferred.

### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Lee announced that the next board meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2025, at Windward Community College.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Lau  
Executive Administrator and Secretary of  
the Board of Regents

# Item IV.

## Report of the President

# MATERIALS



# What We Stand For

- Ensuring **every member** of our campus community feels **valued, welcomed and included**
- **Academic freedom** in our teaching and programs
- Anti-discrimination **protections**
- **Accessible** education
- Freedom of speech and upholding **First Amendment rights** within the context of time, place and manner
- **Kuleana** to foster a Native Hawaiian Place of Learning
- Campuses where **all are welcomed**—regardless of where you come from, who you are, what you believe, or whom you love

## Executive Orders and Actions: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility

January 20	EO 14151 – “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing” dismantles long-standing diversity initiatives.
January 21	EO 14168 – “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government” reshapes federal policies on gender identity.
February 14	EO 14173 – “Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity” restructures hiring and funding priorities.  The <b>U.S. Department of Education’s</b> <i>Dear Colleague Letter</i> issues stricter, more rigid guidance on eliminating DEIA programs, heightening institutional uncertainty.





## Executive Orders and Actions: **NIH & DOE**

**February 7**

The **National Institutes of Health** unveils an aggressive plan to cap indirect costs at **15%**, significantly reducing research funding flexibility.

**March 13**

The **U.S. Department of Education** announces a **staggering 50% reduction** in its workforce, threatening essential student services and regulatory oversight. DOE is third largest source of grants at UH



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## Executive Orders and Actions: **DOGE and Title VI**

**February 26**

**EO 14158** – “Implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Cost Efficiency” initiates broad federal budget cuts.

Guidance on Agency RIF and Reorganization Plans signals sweeping layoffs and structural changes across multiple departments.

**March 10**

The Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights sends an official letter to UH Mānoa, raising concerns about compliance.

**March 14: UH Manoa not on DOE list of colleges under active investigation for Title VI compliance**



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# UH Taking Action

- Supporting Litigation
- Partnering with our Congressional offices, the Governor, the state legislature and the Hawai'i State Attorney General
- Meeting Frequently with Executive Order Response Team
- Creating UH President's Advisory Council (23 stakeholders)
- Communicating Directly with Groups Across our Campuses
- Creating Alternative Support for Graduate Students Who Have Lost Funding
- Evaluating the financial impact of the executive orders, exploring strategies to maintain our commitment to the university's core mission

## Risk Assessment: Existing Grants

### High Risk

Projects with DEIA components, accessibility initiatives, or climate change focus.

### Medium Risk

Grants related to health, Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI), or underrepresented populations

### Low Risk

Projects related to environmental science but not categorized under climate change





# Uncertainty / Qualifiers

- Changing by the Hour
- Based on Current Executive Orders
- Significant Threats to UH Outside of Executive Orders that are Likely Grow





# UH Budget

- Operating Budget: \$1.3 billion
  - State funding (\$636 million)
  - Tuition (\$410 million)
- \$370 million in annual federal funding

## Potential Impact (as of 3/13/25)

Overall Job Loss Scenarios	DOE Programs	Proposed NIH Indirect Cost Cap
<p><b>Worst case:</b> Up to 2,500 federally funded jobs lost out of 16,000 employees across UH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>10 campuses:</b> 1,300 federally funded jobs at risk</li> <li>○ <b>RCUH:</b> 1,200 federally funded jobs at risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Best case:</b> 200–300 federally funded jobs lost across the system</p>	<p>Community college technical training programs and research initiatives—especially in Native Hawaiian serving programs—<b>may be impacted</b></p> <p>More clarity <b>expected</b> next week</p>	<p>Biomedical research is at risk</p>





# Threats Outside of Executive Orders

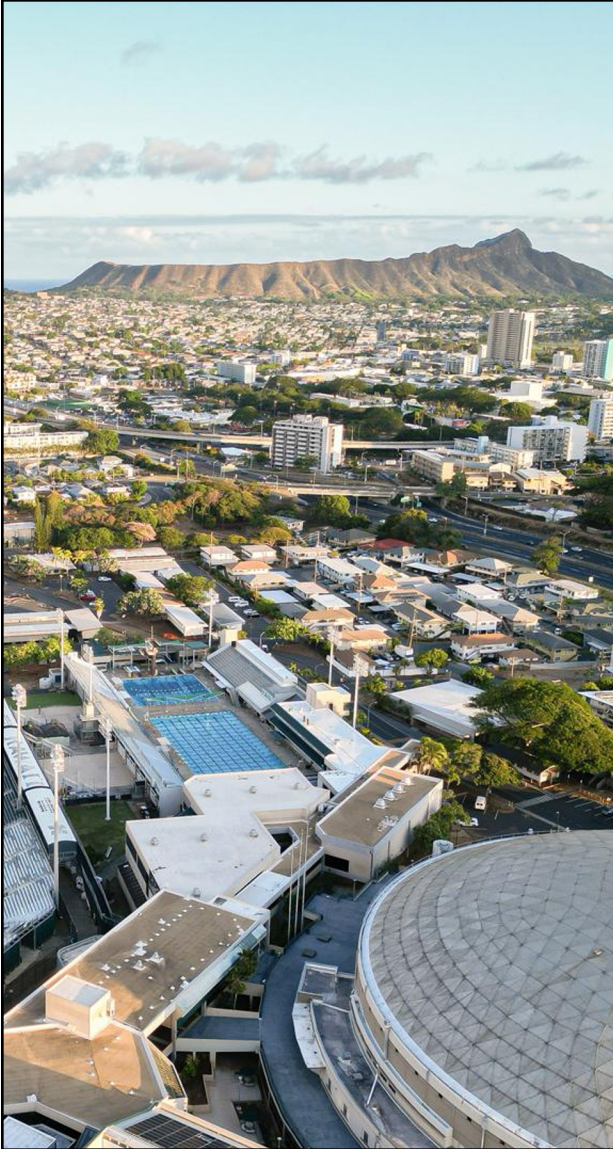
- Insufficient Staffing of Federal Agencies
- Refusal to Take Procedural Steps Necessary to Release Funds
- Individualized Review of Grants & Contracts
- Heavy Restrictions on and Limited Funding for Future Awards
- Cuts to State Funding and Pass-Through Federal Dollars
- Cuts to Student Financial Aid



# Commitment to Communication & Transparency

- Advisory Council
- Frequent Updates
- In Depth Conversations About Key Issues – Academic Freedom, Research Strategies
- Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings





# Good News at the University

- AD Search Launched
- QS World Ranking By Subject
- Basic Needs Grant
- GO BOWS!



# Windward Community College

*Board of Regents Meeting – March 20, 2025*

**Chancellor Ardis Eschenberg**



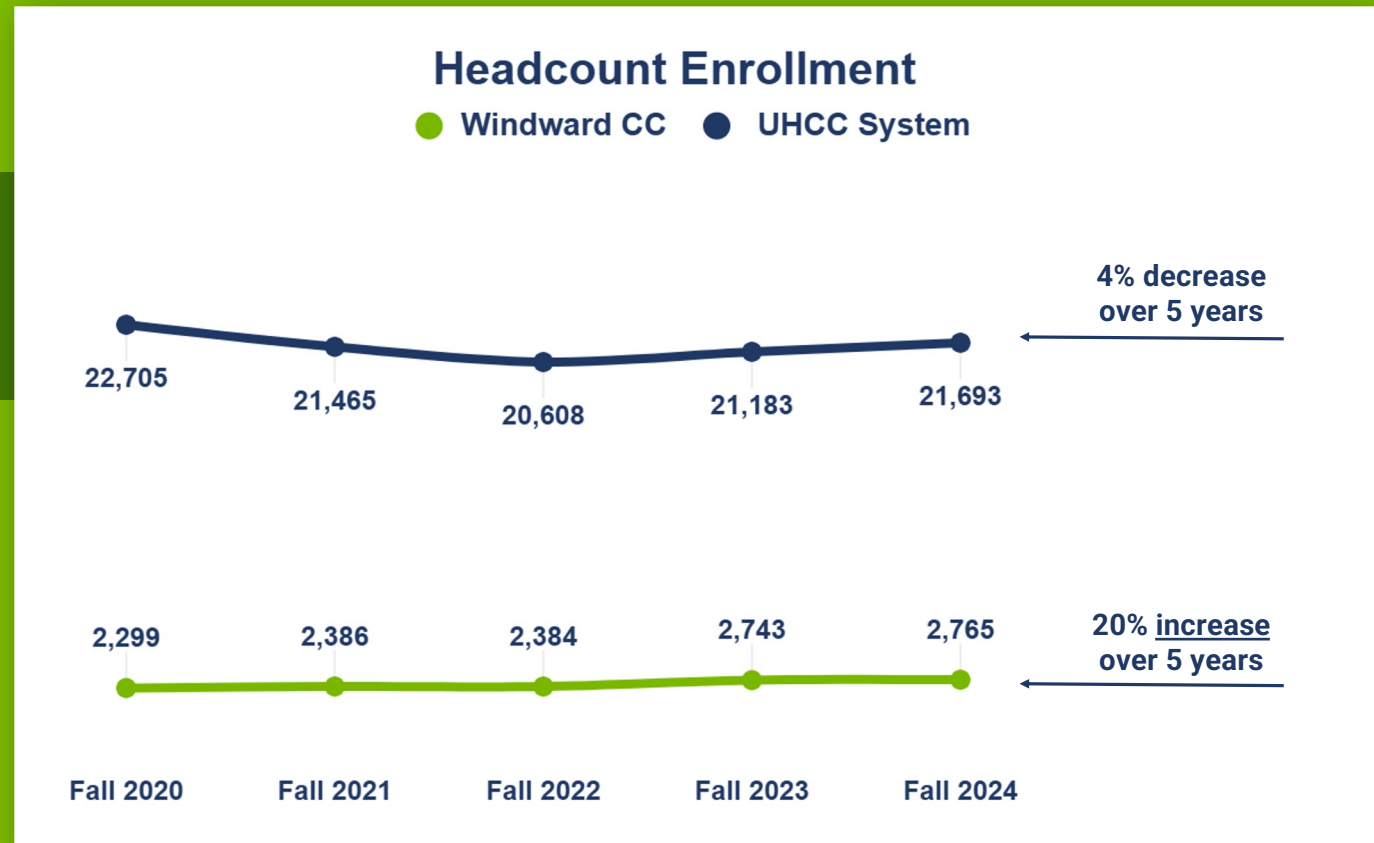
# Chancellor Report

*Increasing enrollment and success through strategic initiatives*



## Steady increases in overall enrollment

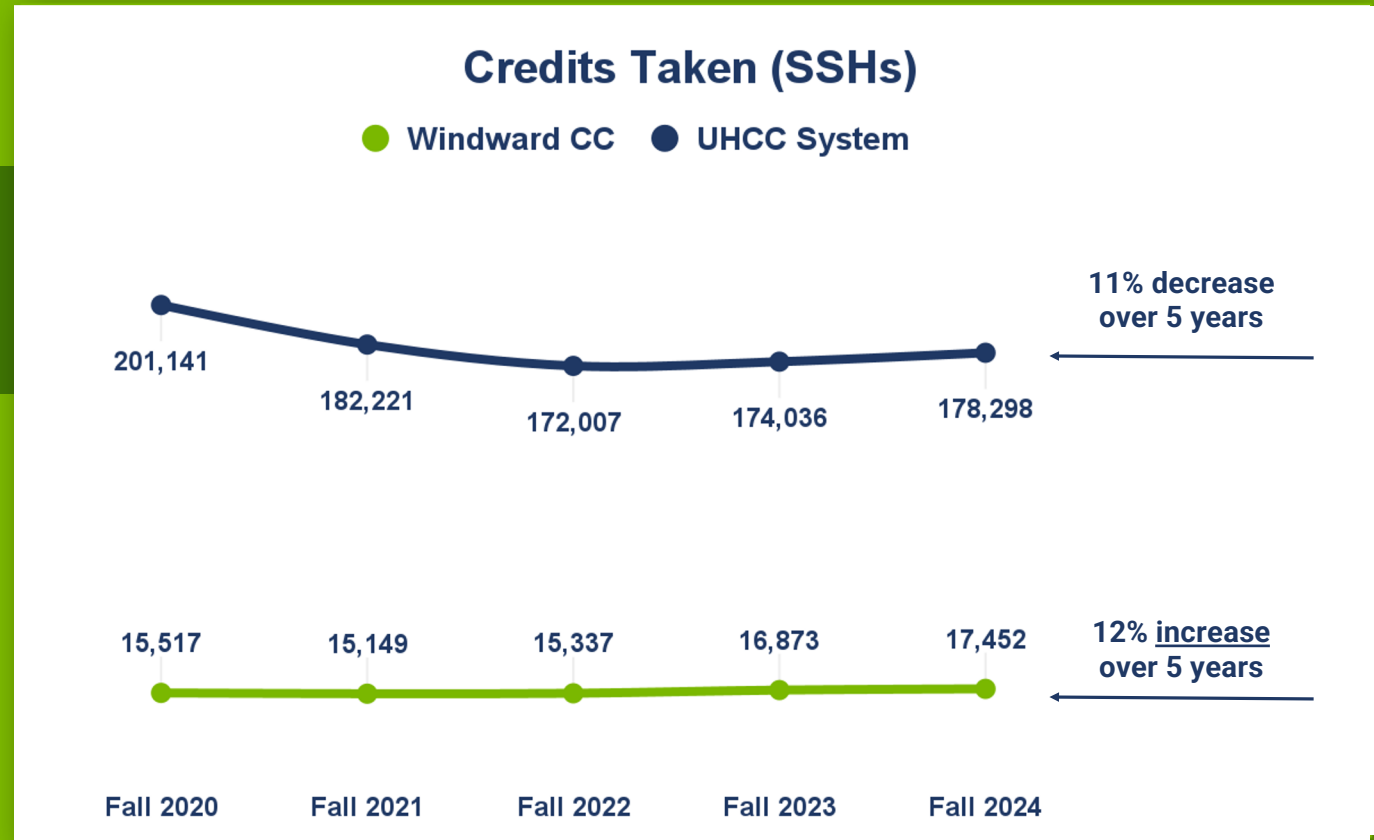
### HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT





## Steady increases in credits taken

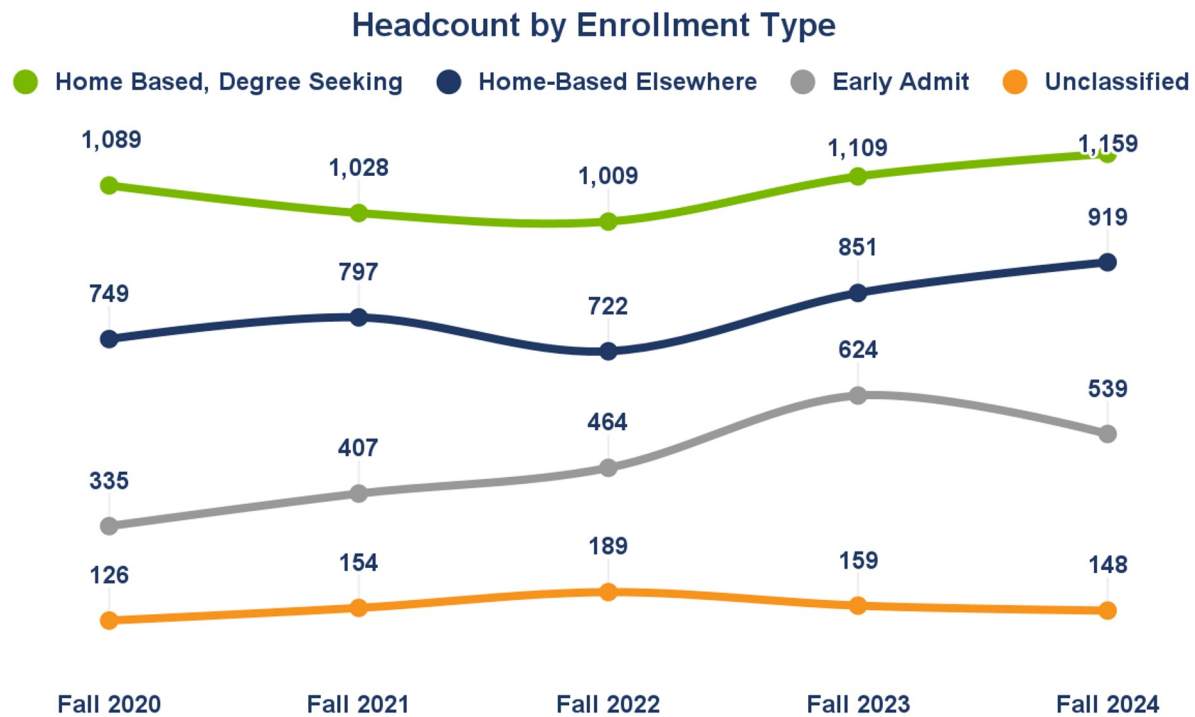
### STUDENT SEMESTER HOURS





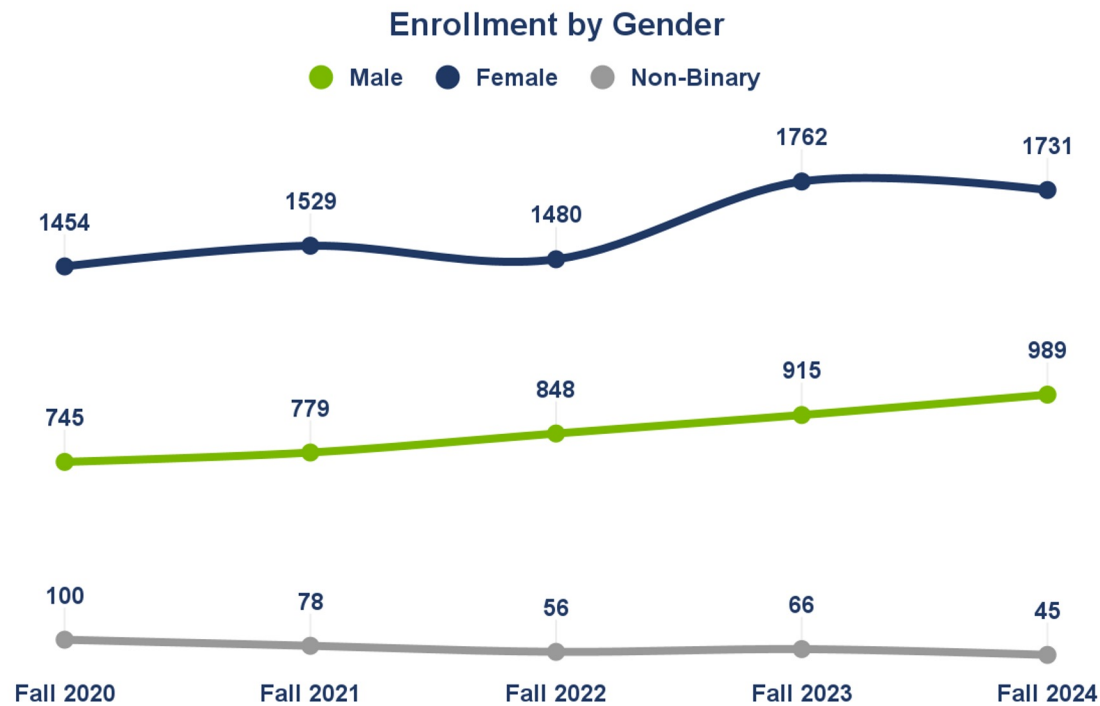


## Growth across all student types





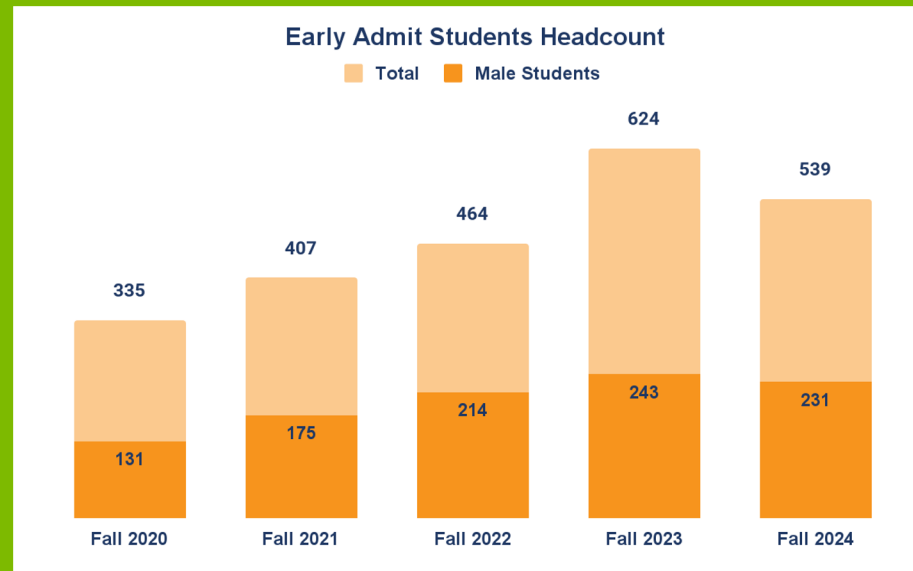
## Male enrollment has been increased through targeted interventions







## This begins with early engagement during high school



**Male early college participation rate is significantly higher than our overall male enrollment percentage (e.g., 43% versus 36% in Fall 24).**

Then we directly address perceived negative financial impacts associated with college



## Scholarships & Jobs



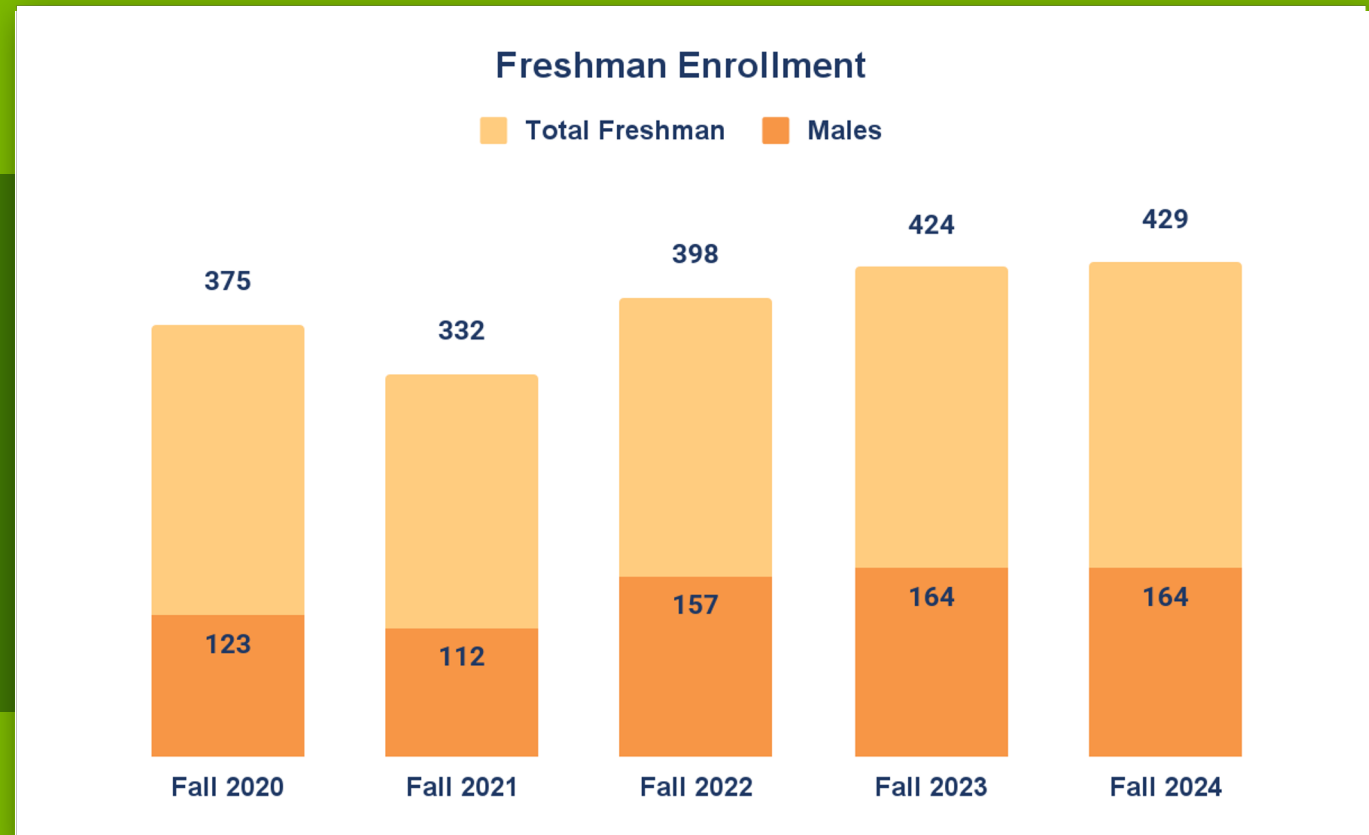
**HO'OLEI:  
FIRST YEAR  
TUITION PAID**  
*FOR WINDWARD AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS*





## Increased enrollment results

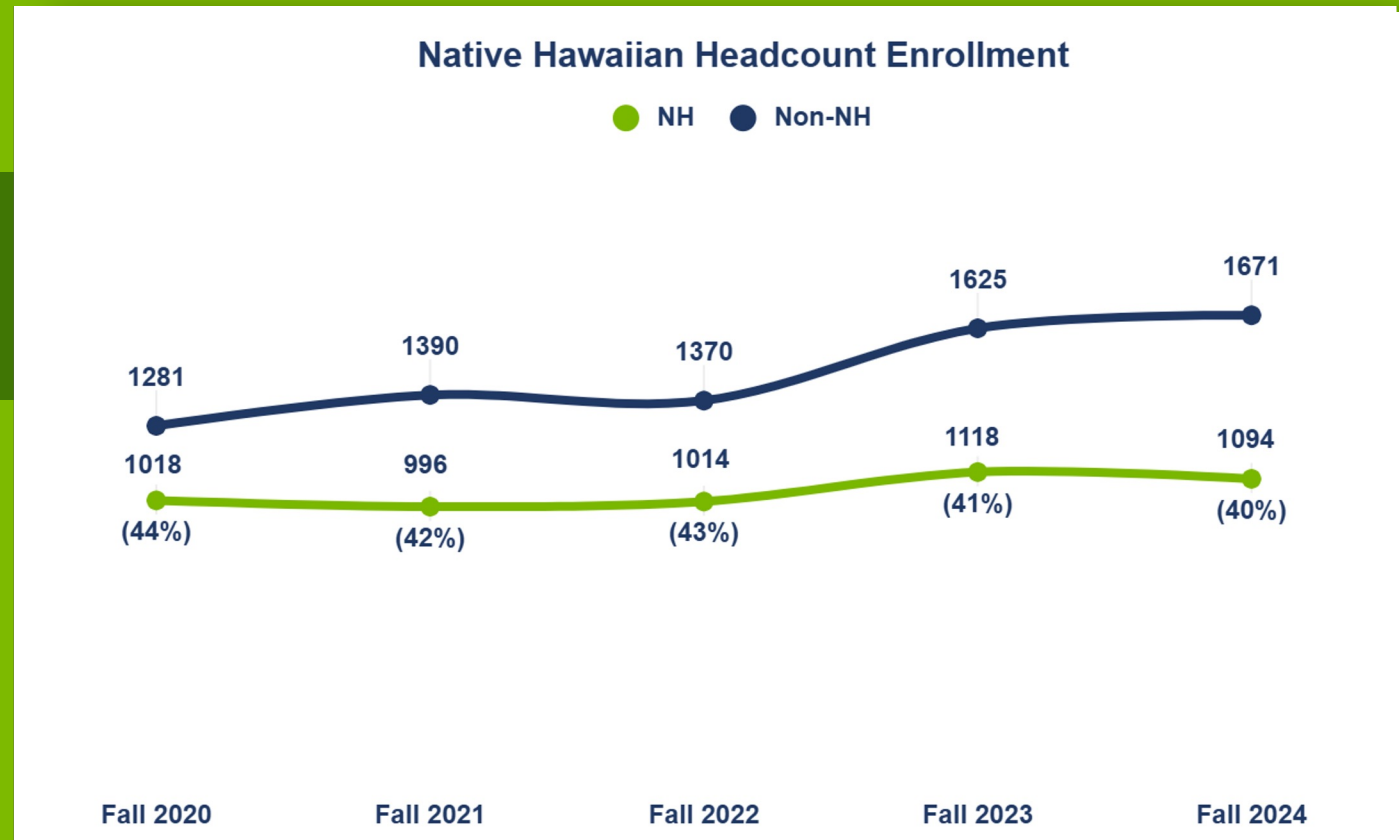
- Larger freshman classes
- Increased male freshman enrollment





## Native Hawaiian Enrollment: above parity with our community

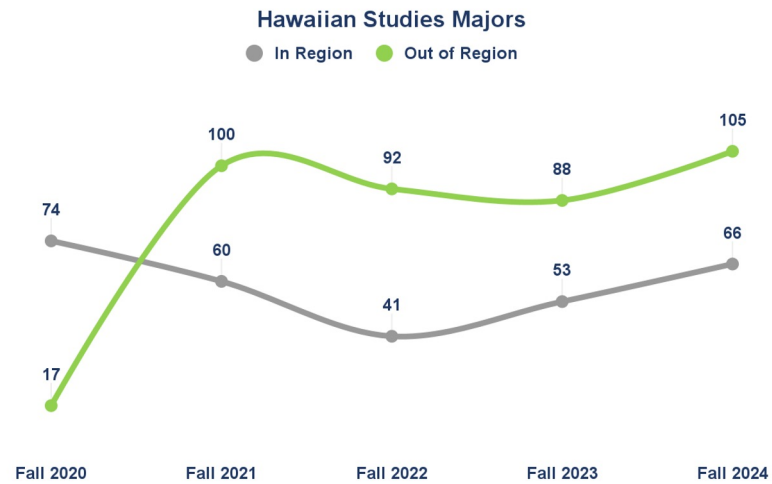
On average,  
42% of WCC's  
students are  
Native Hawaiian



## Our Hawai‘iloa online AA in Hawaiian Studies has positively impacted Hawaiian Studies outcomes overall

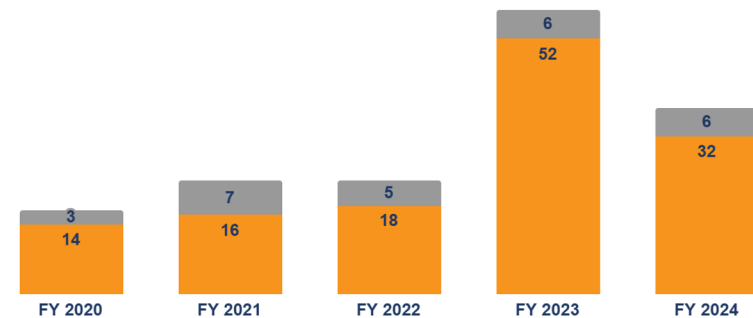


### Increased Hawaiian Studies enrollment and graduation rates



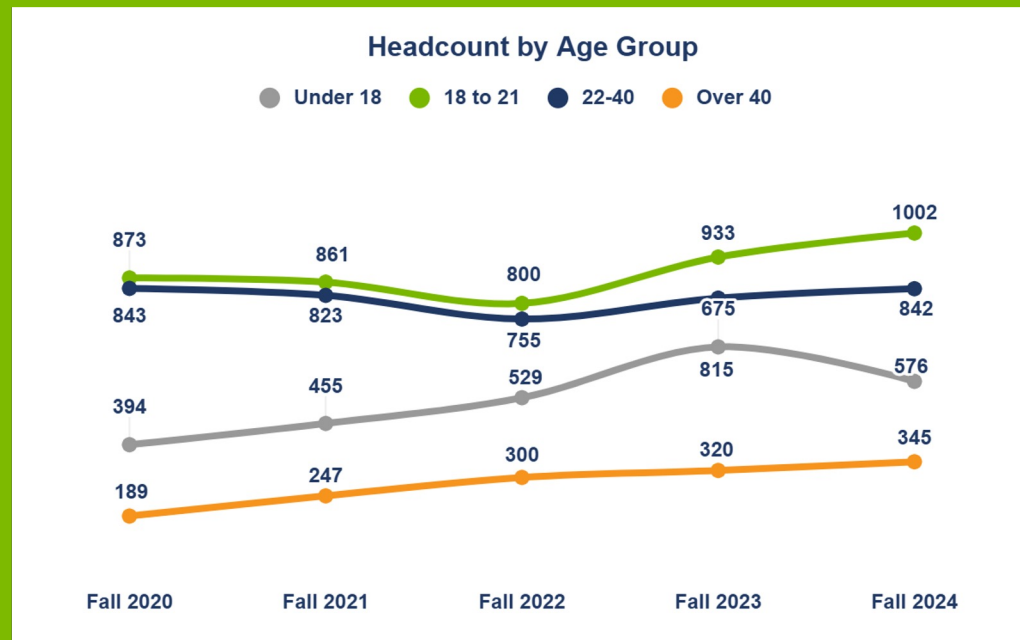
**Number of Hawaiian Studies Degrees Earned**

■ Non-Native Hawaiian Students ■ Native Hawaiian Students





## Strategically increasing Adult Learner populations



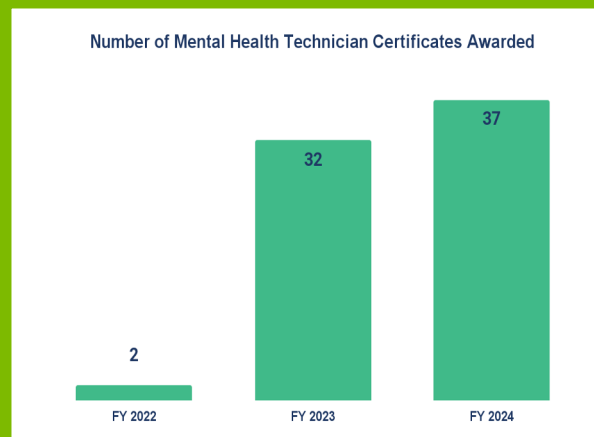
**Enrollment in the over 40 age group is increasing**



By targeting community career advancement opportunities

## Mental Health Technician

- Developed in partnership with Hawai'i State Hospital
- 72 graduates to date
- Fall 2024:
  - Honolulu Police Department cohort
  - Adult Corrections Officer cohort
  - 54 students total



*Certificate of Achievement coming Fall 2025...*

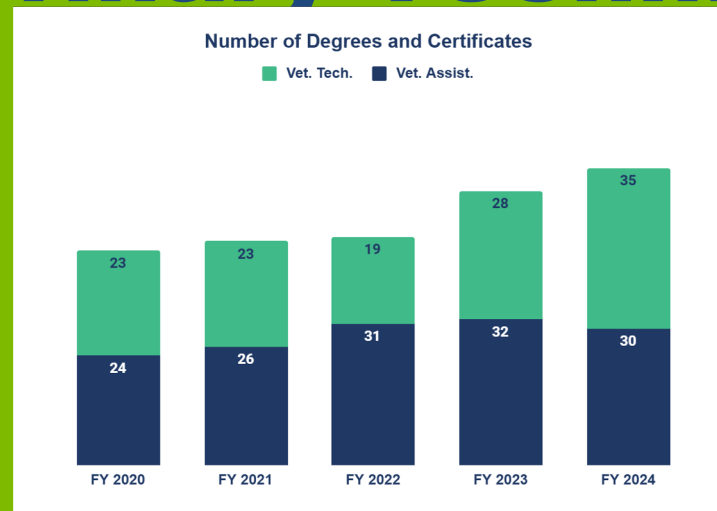




Across our islands

# Veterinary Technician

- **TRADITIONAL OPTION:**  
in person on campus
- **HYBRID OPTION:**  
online with intensive  
in person long  
weekend workshops
- **90% have found  
employment in  
veterinary practice...**





Serving populations with the highest barriers to education

## Pu'uhonua Incarcerated Education Program

- 1,005 students served
- 3,083 credits earned
- 85% avg. success rate
- 27 Certificates and 3 Degrees earned



*Halawa Correctional Facility, Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility,  
Saguaro Correctional Center, Women's Community Correctional Center*



# Ke Kumu Pali

**Justin Ha'aheo Pagan, Chair**  
**Ku'u'lei Miranda, Vice Chair**  
**Bernadette Rose Māhiehie Garrett, Recorder**  
**Sarah Sur, Treasurer**



— Putting our manifestation into action —

# KA HANA NUI

## Ke Kumu Pali commits to:

Building the foundation of Hawaiian culture, values, and knowledge into academic and social communities at WCC.

- Identifying and supporting the needs of Hawaiian students at WCC through supportive services, programs, and opportunities.
- Providing culturally enriching professional development to faculty and staff.
- Supporting faculty and staff in working more effectively with Hawaiian students.
- Collaborating with system-wide Hawaiian initiatives.
- Advocating for Hawaiian students, faculty, and staff.

**By understanding and being dedicated to our commitment  
we have been able to engage in the following ways.**



— Ke Kulanui Kaiāulu o Ke Ko'olau —

## **HAWAIIAN STUDIES**

As a campus unit of Pūko'a, Ke Kumu Pali advises the Chancellor and college community on matters related to Native Hawaiians, and is committed to promote a high standard of excellence in the study of Hawaiian language and culture.

Through our advocacy, Ke Kumu Pali has helped build a strong Hawaiian Studies Program, and Windward CC has committed to make Hawaiian Studies the foundation of its educational initiatives, reflected in its current number of 197 Spring 2025 Hawaiian Studies majors.



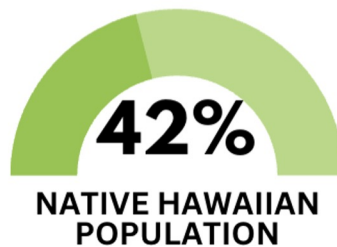


Putting our manifestation into action

# KA HANA NUI

For the past 5 years, Native Hawaiian students have achieved parity in the following areas:

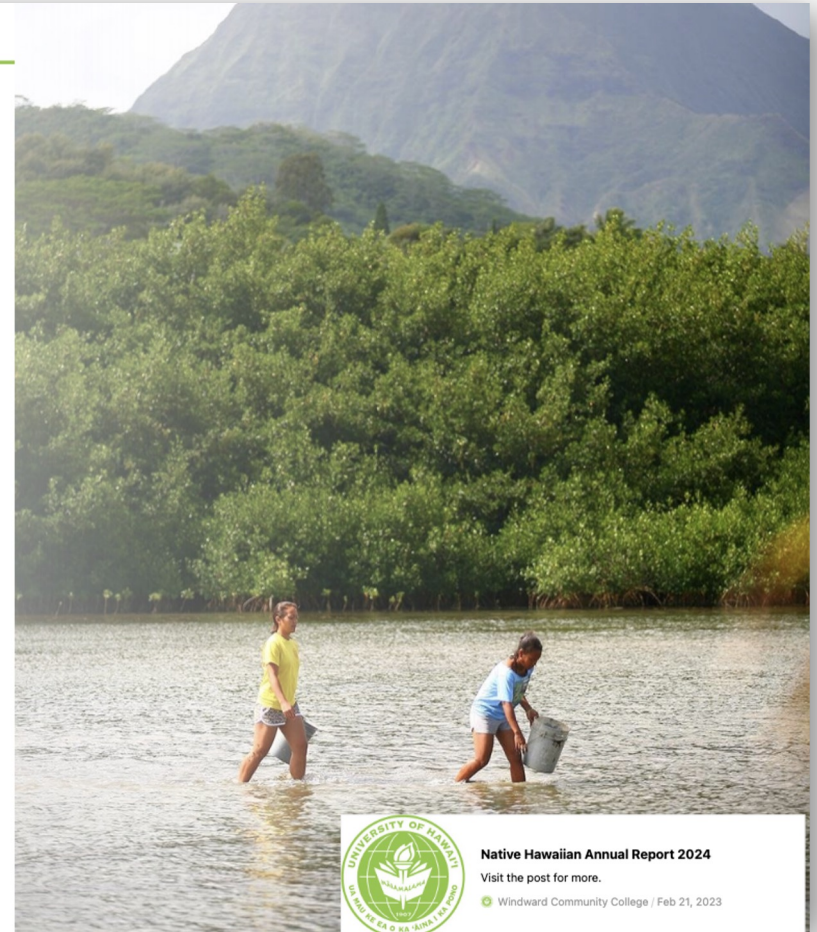
- Full-time enrollment
- Average credits taken per semester
- Transfer Rate
- Persistence
- Pell Recipients
- Percent Full-Time



Hawaiian Studies **77%**

Liberal Arts **50%**

Natural Sciences **34%**



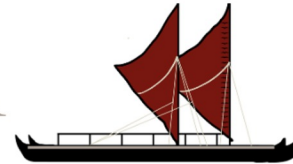
Native Hawaiian Annual Report 2024

Visit the post for more.

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# HAWAI'ILOA

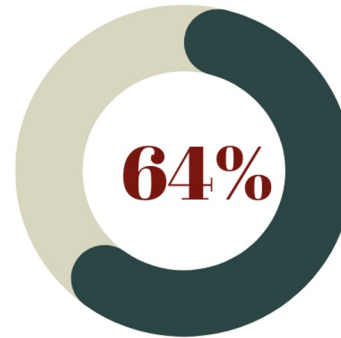
'IKE, 'ŌLELO, NOHONA HAWAI'I



## Hawai'iloa Workforce Partnerships

Through interest and initiatives, Hawai'iloa has been able to begin special interest cohorts with **Kamehameha Schools** (as of Spring 2025) and **Hawaiian Telcom** (to begin Fall 2025).

- 85** Hawai'iloa graduates, earned an AA in Hawaiian Studies and Liberal Arts
- 63** Earned an ASC in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i
- 42** Earned an ASC in Mo'olelo Hawai'i
- 27** Earned an ASC in Ahupua'a
- 5** Earned other certificates



In AY 2024, 64% of Hawaiian Studies graduates were from the Hawai'iloa program





# Ka'ohekani

**1 Year Online/Asynchronous 24 credit certificate**

**Program meets multiple University Strategic Plan Imperatives including;**

- **Strategic Imperative #1 – Hawaiian Culture & Language**
- **Strategic Imperative #2 – Workforce Development**
- **Strategic Imperative #3 – Student Success & Workforce Readiness**



**\$190,000**

*Approximately \$190,000 in scholarships raised in 2024*

**75**

Students completed  
certificate requirements  
since the programs creation

**Enrollment for AY 2024-2025:**

- **39 DOE Teachers ranging from PreK – 12**

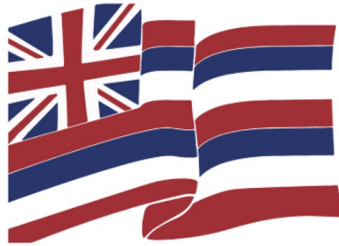
**41**

out of a 40  
student capacity



*The Protectors of the Kō'olau's*

**Lā Kū'oko'a**



**Makahiki**



- Student club created in Fall 2024 initiated by Student, Ku'ulei Aona
- 30 members of students and staff
- Funded events through Ke Kumu Pali (KKP) and through a community grant, Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu.
- Executed two large events in Fall 2024, Lā Kū'oko'a and Makahiki in collaboration with KKP, Hawai'iloa, KS Kaiāulu, Nā Mu'o, and HWST Frosh cohort
- Bi-monthly meetings
- Hana No'eau Workshops (Lei, Hānai Hive tour, Mo'okū'auhau, etc)
- Community Service Workshops (Mālama 'Āina at Luluku Farms, Māla 'O Kahoe, Boo-baskets for our Hanaiāulu Childcare)



# Faculty Senate

*Increasing student retention and success*

**Annette Priesman, Presiding Chair**  
**Mackenzie Manning, Recording Chair**  
**Lance Uyeda, Off-Campus Chair**

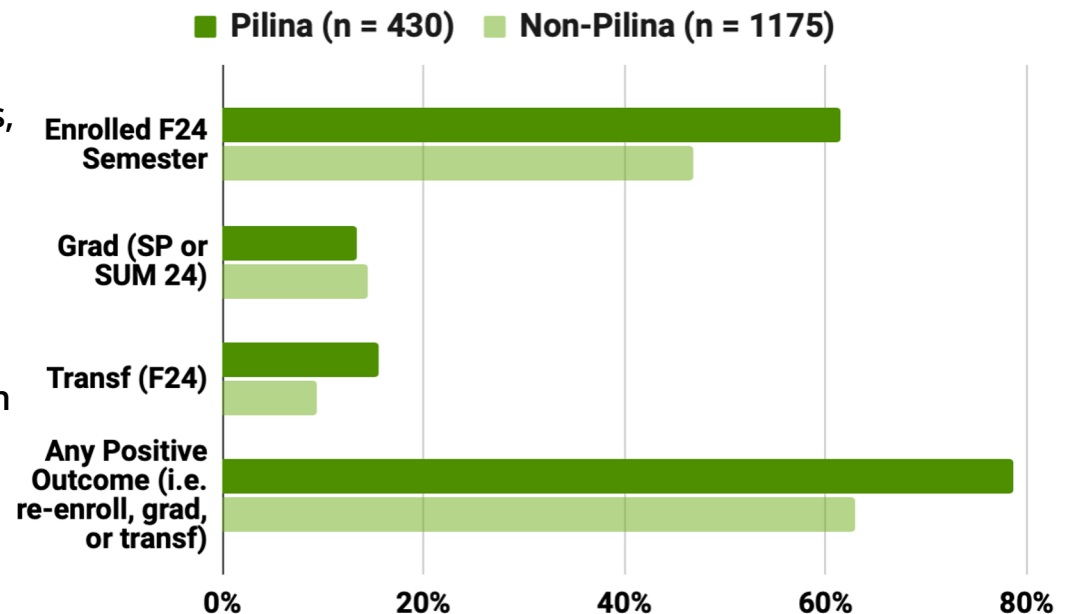
# Pilina Project



- Spring 2024, 20 WCC faculty participated in the Pilina Project

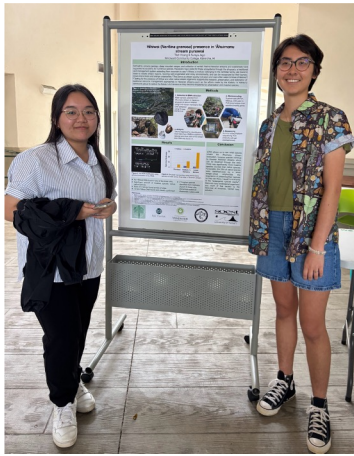
- In at least two of their classes, the faculty member met individually with every student at least twice
- The focus of these meetings was to get to know each student, to build a connection (pilina) with them

- We hoped these meetings would increase student retention and success



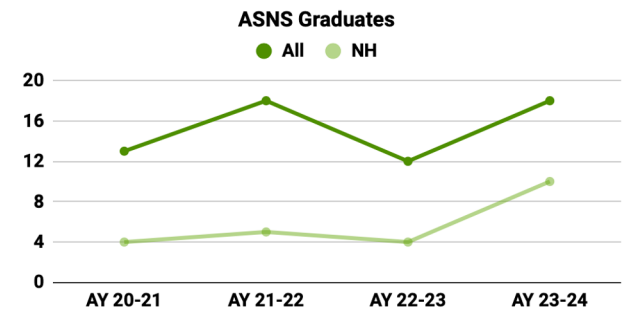
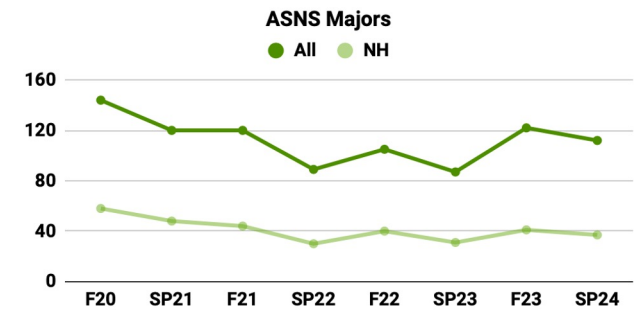


# Building Pilina through Stewardship and Research



*"The KoK eDNA project was an eye-opener in terms of the importance of preserving and restoring Hawaiian stream ecosystems... being able to personally witness the lo'i terraces in 'Ahuimanu stream can't help but make you awe [sic] at the agricultural intelligence of Native Hawaiians. This project also strengthened my understanding of the complex process of metabarcoding. I'm glad that I was able to learn these skills because it will amplify my resume when applying for jobs, internships, etc."*

**- BIOL 171L Fall 2024 student**





# Staff Senate

*Encouraging Staff Involvement, Initiative, and Leadership*

**Makana Tani, Chair**  
**Farah Doiguchi, Vice Chair**  
**Michael McIntosh, Recorder**

## Advocating for Staff



- Giving voice to staff through increased communication and awareness
- Increasing campus engagement through staff activities
- Building morale with staff appreciation days





## Ensuring Staff Representation



- Increasing staff representation on campus committees and boards
- Senators serve on UH Staff Council to provide support to staff throughout the system as well as Windward CC





# WCC - ASUH

*Focused on student success*

**Cianni Rae Kekahuna, President**

**Connor Kelsey, Vice President**

**Ewalani Mayola, Secretary**

**Andrew Rios, Treasurer**

**Ryan Drinen, Senator**

**Blaine Kong, Senator**

**Glorianne Joy Malabed, Senator**

# ASUH-WCC Senate



**Senate continues its presence and advocacy efforts:**

- Serving on campus-wide committees elevating student
- Concerns and perspectives among faculty and staff,
- Hosting events that are increasing in attendance from year to year.
- Promoting educational events and functions
- Focusing on Needs of students





Basic Needs



Community



Campus Events



Leadership Training



Service



# Tuning in to Student Life at WCC

For the "W"

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/494rdAVMu1TZqyCNBEvNkn?si=d95cb84b2dd64920>



Taking a look (an ear) on the insights of some of our lives

- Something to relate to
- Something to laugh about
- Something to consider
- Something to ponder on

For Us By Us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btmgEOOOkYI&authuser=0>



Engaging with student around campus to offer them the school news of the week!

- Reminders
- Events & Things to do
- New Information
- Starting their morning off with a smile





# Windward CC Wins National Award for Institutional Transformation

## INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

Windward CC was honored for its innovation in higher education by the American Council on Education.

The ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation honors institutions that have successfully implemented transformative changes to meet the evolving needs of students and their communities.

Since implementing its strategic plan in 2020, WCC has seen success in boosting both access and completion rates.



*Award winners Windward CC Chancellor Ardis Eschenberg and Rio Salado College President Kate Smith*



WINDWARD CC

A photograph of a campus scene with a large, light-colored building in the foreground, a lush green lawn, and a backdrop of steep, forested mountains. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

# Mahalo!

[windward.hawaii.edu](http://windward.hawaii.edu)





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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gabriel Lee, Chair  
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

VIA: Wendy Hensel, President   
University of Hawai'i

FROM: Tim Dolan, Vice President of Advancement   
University of Hawai'i Foundation

SUBJECT: UH Foundation Report

DATE: March 11, 2025

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Please find information submitted by the Foundation for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board of Regents meeting:

- Development Operations Report as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2025
- Funds Raised Leadership Report by Campus as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2018 through FY 2025
- Funds Raised by Source, Gift Type, Account Category and Purpose as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2025
- Funds Expended by UH Programs as of December 31, 2024 for FY 2022 through FY 2025
- UH Foundation Statement of Operations for Fiscal Periods Ended December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021 (unaudited)

Thank you for your assistance, and please let us know if anything further is needed or required.

Attachments



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**Development Operations**

**Fiscal Year 2025**

**As of 12/31/2024**

*All dollars in thousands*

**Fiscal Year 2025 Goal: \$105.0 M**

**Fundraising Result (07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024): \$117.1 M**

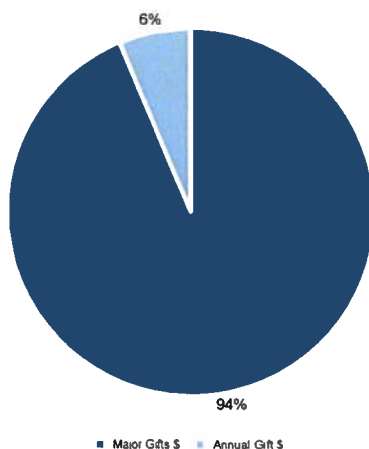
**Fundraising Result Summary**

Account Type	Gifts & Pledges	Deferred Gifts	Total
Endowment	\$74,899	\$871	\$75,770
Expendable	\$18,553	\$1,387	\$19,940
Revocable Deferred Gifts	\$0	\$6,465	\$6,465
Gifts-In-Kind	\$1,105	\$0	\$1,105
Grants to UH	\$6,634	\$0	\$6,634
Grants to UHF	\$7,165	\$0	\$7,165
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,356</b>	<b>\$8,723</b>	<b>\$117,079</b>

**Comparison to Previous Fiscal Year**

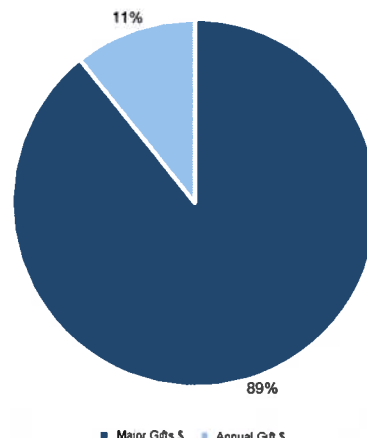
	Number of Major Gifts \$25k+	Major Gifts Total	Number of Annual Gifts <\$25k	Annual Gifts Total	Gifts Total
Current Fiscal Year	283	\$109,534	11,890	\$7,545	\$117,079
Previous Fiscal Year	232	\$61,407	13,734	\$7,496	\$68,904
Comparison Favorable/(Unfavorable)	51	\$48,127	(1,844)	\$49	\$48,176

**Current Fiscal Year**



■ Major Gifts \$ ■ Annual Gift \$

**Previous Fiscal Year**



■ Major Gifts \$ ■ Annual Gift \$



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Funds Raised Leadership Report  
Fiscal Years 2018-2025  
As of December 31

*All dollars in thousands*  
(Gifts, Pledges, Matching Gifts, Gifts in Kind, Grants and Planned Gifts)

Unit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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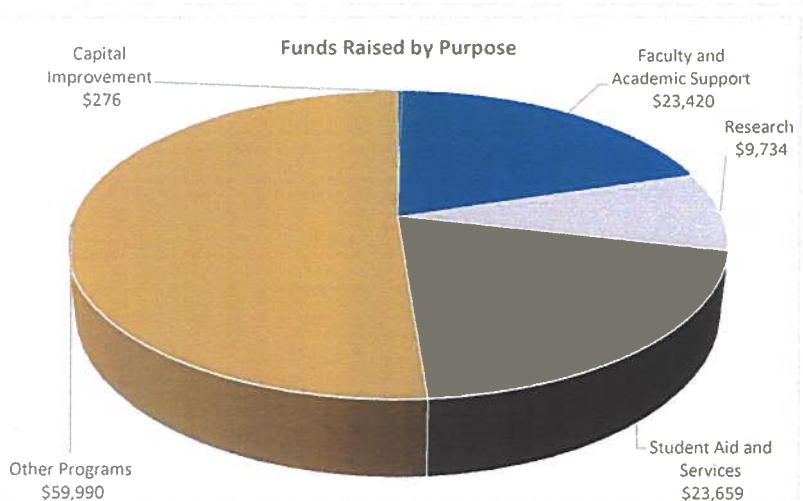
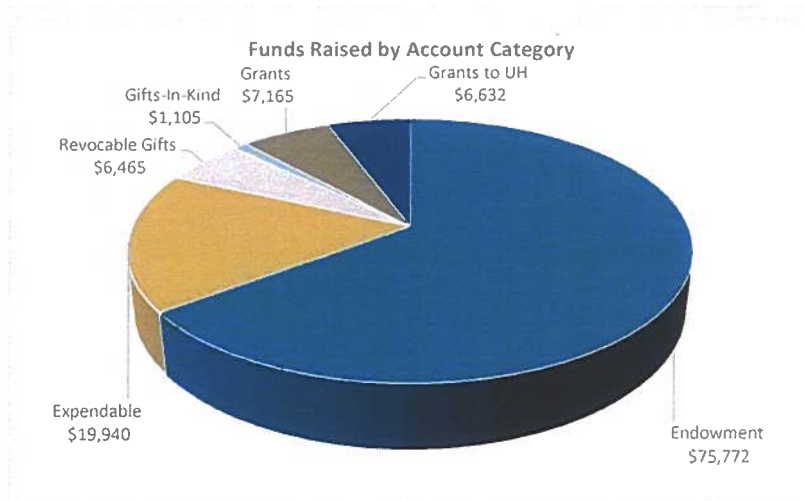
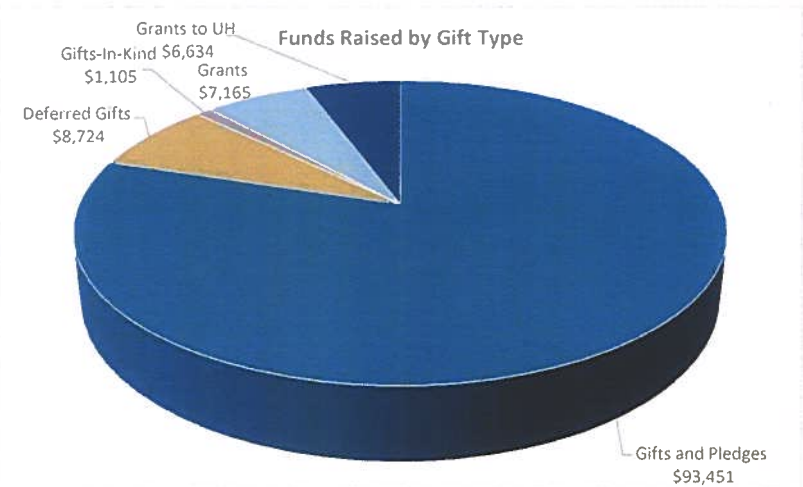
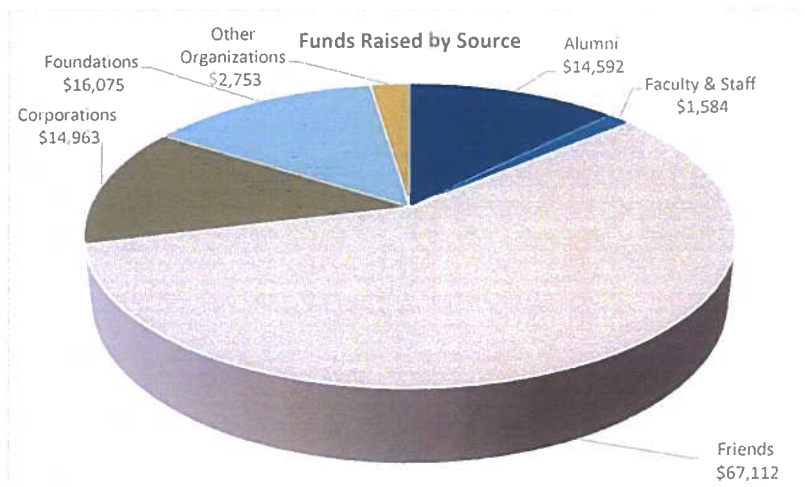
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**Funds Raised By Source, Gift Type, Account Category and Purpose**

Fiscal Year 2025

As of December 31

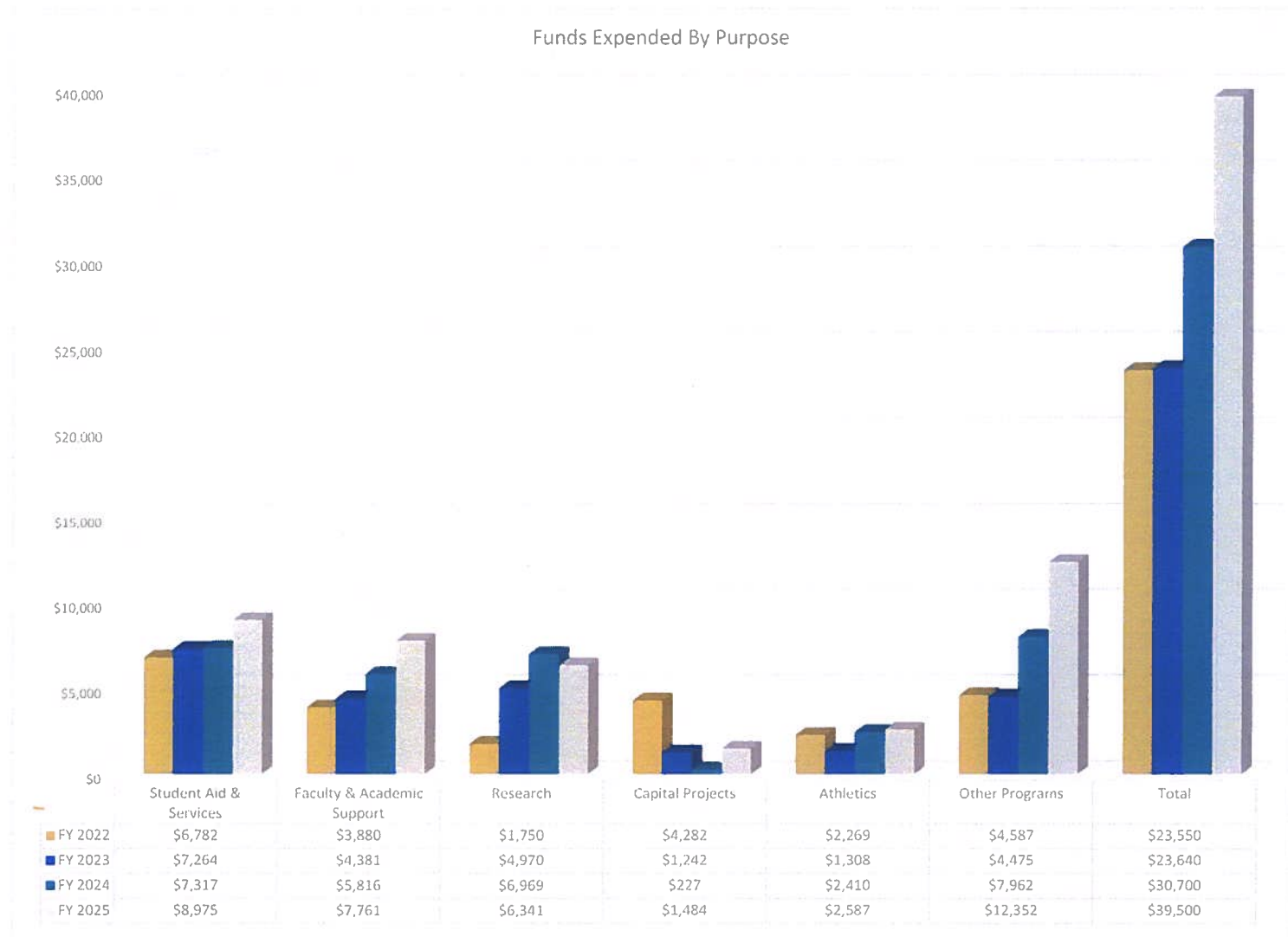
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**Funds Expended by UH Programs**  
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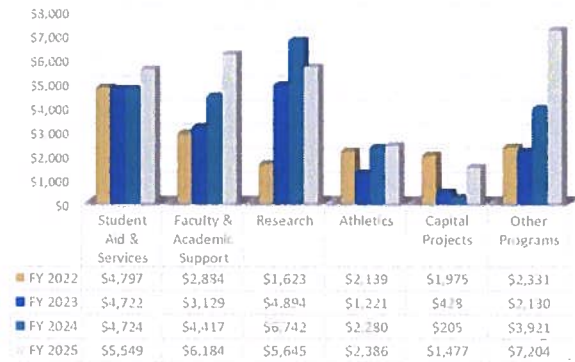
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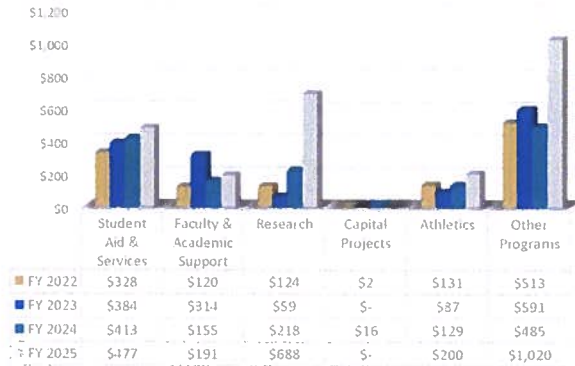
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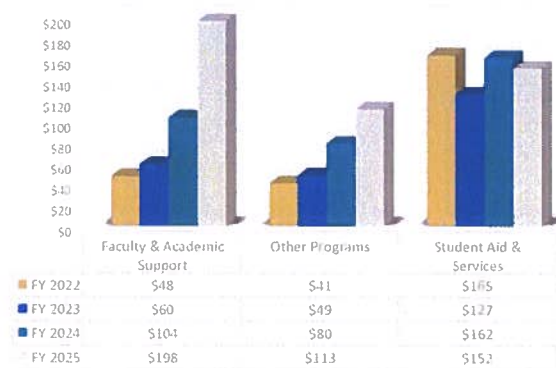
Funds Expended by UH Mānoa Programs



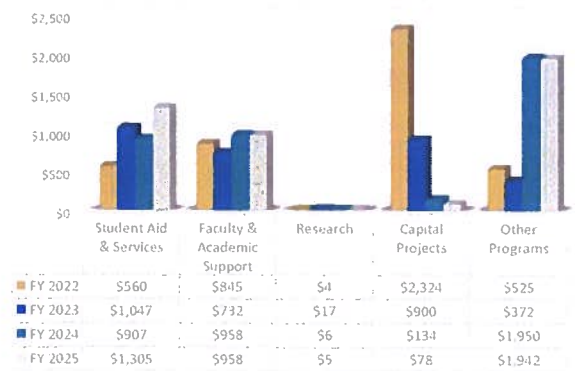
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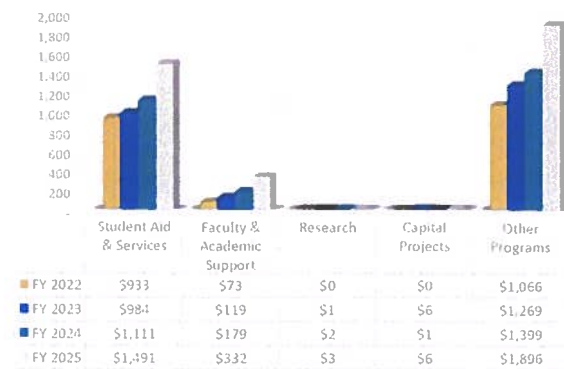
Funds Expended by UH West O'ahu Programs



Funds Expended by Community College Programs



Funds Expended by UH System Programs



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Operations - Unaudited**  
For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Unrestricted gifts	\$ 281,939	\$ 224,112	\$ 210,585	\$ 206,292
Income from expendable accounts	3,565,114	3,025,192	1,858,340	1,359,123
Income from endowment accounts	3,049,027	2,984,168	2,823,717	2,478,114
Service fee on gifts and non-gifts	2,283,242	2,566,262	1,927,904	2,505,865
Alumni Relations revenue	-	-	-	-
UH contract for services	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Other payments from UH & UHAA	283,005	266,856	201,531	223,443
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 10,962,327</u>	<u>\$ 10,566,590</u>	<u>\$ 8,522,077</u>	<u>\$ 8,272,837</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Development				
Personnel	\$ 3,644,544	\$ 3,623,862	\$ 3,086,125	\$ 2,914,649
Program	1,022,093	971,183	983,771	870,049
Campaign	69,523	211,036	23,806	-
Alumni Relations				
Personnel	271,472	281,991	242,614	175,858
Program	121,543	125,763	37,194	58,389
Service & Support				
Personnel	1,558,172	1,387,861	1,604,821	1,425,575
Program	597,575	446,222	257,498	270,198
UH Support Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
King Street Office	206,624	374,765	301,032	265,808
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 7,566,546</u>	<u>\$ 7,497,683</u>	<u>\$ 6,611,861</u>	<u>\$ 6,055,526</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 3,395,781</u>	<u>\$ 3,068,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,910,216</u>	<u>\$ 2,217,311</u>



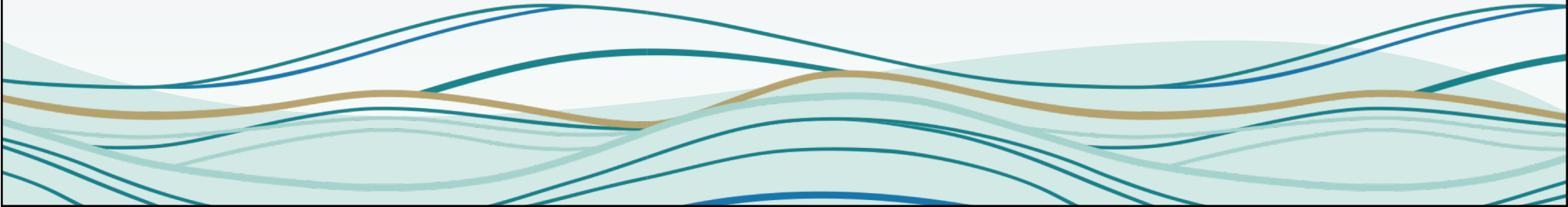


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# Board of Regents

Tim Dolan, Vice President of Advancement

MARCH 20, 2025



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## *The campaign for the University of Hawai'i*

IS THE CAMPAIGN FOR  
BUILDING HAWAII'S WORKFORCE

UH educates and trains Hawai'i residents for Hawai'i jobs.

The UH Community Colleges offer more than 120 career and technical education programs and a variety of non-credit classes for workforce training statewide. Their seven campuses also partner with various government and philanthropic organizations to offer free skills training in high-demand sectors.

The UH Foundation is partnering with donors in its \$1 billion **FOR UH · FOR HAWAII** fundraising campaign to support UH's efforts in workforce development, which benefit the entire state.

The campaign for Hawai'i's university is for us.  
For UH. For Hawai'i.



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**FOR UH  
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The Campaign for the  
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To make a gift or learn more about the campaign, visit  
[UHFoundation.org/4UH4HI](http://UHFoundation.org/4UH4HI)

*for Hawai'i CC*

*for Honolulu CC*

*for Kapi'olani CC*

*for Kaua'i CC*

*for UH Mānoa*

*for Leeward CC*

*for UH Maui College*

*for Windward CC*

*for UH Hilo*

*for UH West O'ahu*

# Comprehensive Campaign

## As of 3/11/2025

- 79% of \$1B Goal
- \$791,493,497 Raised
- \$140M this FY



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**FOR UH  
FOR HAWAII**

The Campaign for the  
University of Hawai'i

*giving day*  
**FOR UH**  
**FOR HAWAI'I**



**APRIL 9**  
**2025**

### We're gearing up for UH Giving Day

Join us on **April 9** for **University of Hawai'i Giving Day**—our opportunity to uplift every UH campus and every student in our UH 'ohana. Your gift can spark transformative change in supporting student success, funding research that matters, caring for our environment, inspiring innovation and entrepreneurship, and building Hawai'i's workforce.

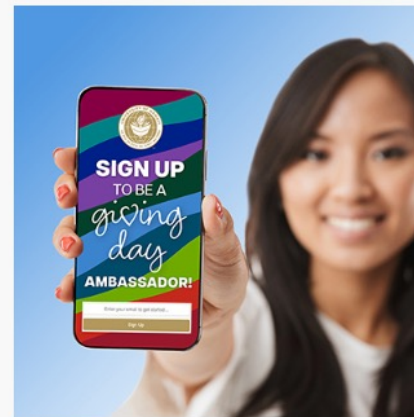


### How YOU can help now

Help us make this year's UH Giving Day a success by participating in one (or both!) of **two fun ways**:

#### ► BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Sign up to spread the word on social media as a UH Giving Day Ambassador by entering your email address at right. You'll get your own Ambassador Dashboard so you can watch your impact grow in real time and see how your support is making a difference. Let's amplify UH Giving Day together!



### Ambassador Enrollment

Sign up to increase your impact!

Enter your email to get started...

**givingday.uhfoundation.org**



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Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation

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March 11, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Gabriel Lee  
Chairperson, Board of Regents

**VIA:** Wendy F. Hensel *Wendy Hensel*  
President

**VIA:** Carrie K. S. Okinaga *Carrie Okinaga*  
Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel

**VIA:** Kalbert K. Young *Kalbert Young*  
Vice President for Budget and Finance / Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Vassilis L. Syrmos *Vassilis Syrmos*  
Vice President for Research and Innovation

**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval of Indemnification Provisions in a Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH) Master Agreement between the University of Alabama and the University of Hawai'i

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is respectfully requested that the University of Hawai'i's ("UH") Board of Regents ("BOR") authorize UH to accept indemnity provisions in a Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology ("CIROH") Master Terms and Conditions for Cost Reimbursement Subawards agreement (the "Master Agreement") between the University of Alabama ("Sponsor") and UH to conduct research to improve the accuracy and reliability of the National Water Model, especially concerning the prediction of flooding in Hawai'i. The requested BOR authorization would extend to all current and future CIROH projects awarded under the Master Agreement during the term of the Master Agreement, which currently ends on March 31, 2027.

BOR authorization, if approved, will be subject to the condition that prior to the actual acceptance of an award by UH, the UH Chief Financial Officer in consultation with UH risk management and the principal investigator, determines whether additional insurance is needed to cover the indemnity risks for the particular research project, and what additional risk avoidance, mitigation, or management measures need to be implemented by the principal investigator for the research project and a semi-annual report to the BOR listing all CIROH projects containing the indemnities undertaken by UH during the reporting period.



Chairperson Gabriel Lee  
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This request is made pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 304A-110, appended as "Attachment 1" to this memorandum.

**RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

It is recommended that the University be authorized to perform certain project activities and indemnify the federal government as set forth in the Master Agreement, effective immediately upon BOR approval and extending until the expiration of the Master Agreement on March 31, 2027. This will also be contingent upon acceptable risk assessment by the Chief Financial Officer and annual reporting to the BOR.

**ADDITIONAL COST:**

In accordance with § 304-110, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient insurance and retention exist to cover the liability of the University that may be reasonably anticipated to arise under the indemnity provision, and that no additional insurance is needed. Given that the review of this request is predicated on any and all future projects under the Master Agreement until March 31, 2027, such determination is contingent upon future grants being of the same context and nature, and not involving the use of federally-owned vessels or vehicles, or the transportation of hazardous materials. Otherwise, review of individual projects for insurance assessment will be necessary.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this request is to obtain BOR approval so that UH may enter into a contract with Sponsor to allow UH researchers from various relevant units to propose, obtain financial support for, and conduct research on hydrological problems relevant to Hawai'i and other similar tropical island areas, and collaborate with researchers at other institutions conducting hydrological research.

**BACKGROUND:**

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Cooperative Institute (CI) is a partnership between NOAA and a research institution under a cooperative agreement that promotes scientific and educational activities to support NOAA's mission. For example, NOAA has entered into a cooperative agreement with UH to establish UH's Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research Project (CIMAR), which was previously known as the Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research.

Similarly, NOAA has entered into a cooperative agreement with Sponsor to establish the Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH). Under the CIROH, the Sponsor leads a consortium of 28 academic, government, and commercial institutions. CIROH supports the work of its 28 institutional members to advance water prediction – the forecasting of streamflow entering water systems, extreme events such as floods and droughts, and water quality – and building community resilience to water-related challenges.



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As a member of the CIROH consortium, UH is eligible to submit proposals for funding to support research to improve the understanding of hydrologic processes, operational hydrologic forecasting techniques and workflows, community water modeling, translation of forecasts to actionable products, and use of water predictions in decision making. CIROH has been and will continue to be a valuable source of extramural funding, benefitting UH researchers and their students, and resulting in research outcomes that address pressing water-related problems in Hawai'i. CIROH provides UH researchers with exclusive access to significant funding and research collaboration opportunities. CIROH funding supports UH faculty, students, and postdocs who conduct research beneficial to the State of Hawai'i, especially to emergency management agencies, flood mitigation planners, and residents of flood-prone communities.

CIROH consortium members are requested to submit proposals annually, beginning with a white paper (pre-proposal) stage. White papers are reviewed and some are selected for full proposal invitations. In the current round, UH PIs submitted 13 white papers of which five (5) were selected for full proposal submission. Approximately two-thirds of full proposals are expected to be funded.

UH's CIROH membership is expected to be a major funding source for UH hydrological researchers for the foreseeable future.

**Overview of the Project:**

As part of its membership in CIROH, Sponsor is requiring UH to enter into the Master Agreement, which will cover multiple ongoing and future projects. Current projects include:

An evaluation of the NextGen National Water Model in tropical conditions with the aim of improving hyperlocal flood forecasting.

PI: Giuseppe Torri, ATMO, UHM

7/01/2022 - 7/31/2025

\$875,486

Enhancing Collection and Application of Hydrologic Data to Improve Operationalized Weather and Flood Prediction in American Samoa.

PI: Christopher Shuler, WRRC, UHM

June 9/01/2023 - 5/31/2025

\$132,965

InEvaTool: An Integrative Evaluation Toolkit for Pacific Island NBS

PI: Kirsten Oleson, NREM, UHM

7/01/2024 - 6/30/2026

\$419,995

Project Title: Supporting equitable nature-based solutions for flood mitigation

PI: Leah Bremer, WRRC, UHM

6/01/2023 - 5/31/2026

\$487,127

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Full proposals invited this round include:

**Project Title: Estimation of Half-Hourly Surface Shortwave, Longwave, and Net Radiation over CONUS Using Multispectral Observations from the New Generation of GOES Satellites**

**PI: Sayed Bateni, WRRC, UHM**

**7/01/2025 - 3/31/2027**

**\$500,000**

**Project Title: Integrating Real-Time Salinity Monitoring and Critical Drought Thresholds to Enhance Water Resource Management in American Samoa**

**PI: Chris Shuler, WRRC, UHM**

**7/01/25 - 3/31/2027**

**\$399,262**

**Project Title: A New Long-Term Hourly Precipitation Ensemble and Retrospective National Water Model Ensemble Runs to Address Operational Equity Disparity in Underserved Regions**

**PI: Keri Kodama, WRRC, UHM**

**7/01/25 - 3/31/2027**

**\$495,358**

**Project Title: Probabilistic Flood Forecasting for Tropical Islands Using the NextGen National Water Model and Downscaled Ensemble Forcing Data**

**PI: Abby Frazier, WRRC, UHM**

**7/01/2025 - 3/31/2027**

**\$455,354**

**Project Title: Creating Project-based Electrical Engineering Curriculum in Distributed Sensing Systems for Hydrology**

**7/01/2025 - 3/31/2027**

**PI: Daniel Drew, Electrical & Computer Engineering, UHM**

**\$40,096**

**Project Title: Pathways to Increase the Effectiveness of Flash Flood Forecasts in Mountain Regions**

**PI: YinPhan Tsang, NREM, UHM (Lead is University of Alabama)**

**7/01/2025 - 3/31/2027**

**\$165,000**

**Project Title: Modeling River Sediment Concentration and Load in the NextGEN framework: Integrating Spaceborne Remote Sensing Technologies and Deep-learning Techniques**

**PI: YinPahn Tsang, NREM, UHM (Lead is RTI International)**

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7/01/2025 - 3/31/2027  
 \$120,000

The institutional coordinator of CIROH-Hawai'i is Dr. Thomas Giambelluca, Water Resources Research Center (WRRRC), UHM. Project PIs are Giuseppe Torri, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, UHM; Christopher Shuler, WRRRC, UHM; and Kirsten Oleson, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM), UHM. PIs invited to submit full proposals in the current competition are: Christopher Shuler, WRRRC, UHM; Keri Kodama, WRRRC, UHM; Abby Frazier, WRRRC, UHM; Sayed Bateni, WRRRC, UHM; Daniel Drew, Electrical & Computer Engineering, UHM; and Yin-Phan Tsang, NREM, UHM.

**Indemnities Required by Sponsor:**

The Master Agreement expressly identifies three (3) instances where UH is required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, its officers, agents, and employees from liability and costs. They are: (1) liability and costs resulting from the negligent operation of NOAA's vessels, (2) liability and costs resulting from the negligent operation of NOAA vehicles, and (3) liability and costs resulting from the transport of hazardous goods or materials. Notably, these three indemnification provisions were also required for UH's CIMAR, and the BOR approved the indemnifications on July 30, 2021 (vessels and vehicles) and July 12, 2022 (hazardous materials). The specific indemnification provisions in the Agreement are as follows.

**Vessels Boats/Ships.** If a Recipient, in executing performance under this award, will be aboard or piloting a Federally-owned or leased vessel, the Recipient must obtain prior approval from the Federal Program Officer and provide proof of sufficient insurance, or if a governmental entity, provide a copy of the statutory authority covering its liabilities connected with use of a Federal Government vessel. The Recipient agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability or costs resulting from the negligent operation of NOAA's vessels by employees, agents, officers, students, invitees, and guests of the Recipient. Only these listed University parties will be allowed on NOAA vessels.

If applicable, the University, as an agency of the State, operates primarily on a self-insured basis. A statement of self-insurance is available upon request and has been furnished to NOAA. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be responsible for any negligent or wrongful acts arising out of the conduct of activities relating to the use of Federal vessels in the performance of this Agreement, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law or otherwise agreed to by the parties. Furthermore, the University shall pay for such damages and injury to the extent permitted by law and approved by the Legislature of the State.

**Vehicle.** If a Recipient, in executing performance under this award, will be driving a Federally-owned or leased automobile, the Recipient must obtain prior approval from the

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Federal Program Officer and provide proof of insurance, or if a governmental entity, provide a copy of the statutory authority covering its liabilities connected with the use of a Federal Government vehicle in the amounts of at least \$300,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, and \$25,000 per occurrence for property damage. The Recipient agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability or costs resulting from the negligent operation of NOAA's vehicles by employees, agents, officers, students, invitees, and guests of the Recipient. Only these listed University parties will be allowed to operate NOAA vehicles.

If applicable, the University, as an agency of the State, operates primarily on a self-insured basis. A statement of self insurance is available upon request and has been furnished to NOAA. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be responsible for any negligent or wrongful acts arising out of the conduct of activities relating to the use of Federal vehicles in the performance of this Agreement, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law or otherwise agreed to by the parties. Furthermore, the University shall pay for such damages and injury to the extent permitted by law and approved by the Legislature of the State.

**Hazardous Materials Transport.** If an employee, agent, officer, student, invitee or guest of the Recipient will be using a Federally-owned or leased vehicle, vessel, ship and boat to transport hazardous goods or materials, such individual must complete training consistent with the requirements of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, as amended and codified in 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq., prior to making such transport.

The Recipient recognizes and acknowledges that the transport of hazardous goods or materials is inherently dangerous and may pose additional risk of personal injury and property damage. The Recipient agrees not only to maintain appropriate insurance coverage from transport of such articles, but also to release, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability or costs resulting from the transport of hazardous goods or materials by employees, agents, officers, students, invitees, or guests of the Recipient.

The University, as an agency of the State, operates primarily on a self-insured basis. A statement of self-insurance is available upon request and has been furnished to NOAA. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be responsible for any negligent or wrongful acts arising out of the conduct of activities relating to the use of Federal vehicles, vessels, ships, and boats in the performance of this Agreement (including the transport of hazardous goods and materials), chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law or otherwise agreed to by the parties. Furthermore, the University shall pay for such damages and injury to the extent permitted by law and approved by the Legislature of the State.

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UH staff attempted to negotiate a deletion or substitution of each of the clauses above with alternative language that did not require UH to indemnify the Sponsor. Unfortunately, the Sponsor declined to delete or modify the language in any way to remove the indemnification obligations.

#### **RISK ANALYSIS:**

First, under the Master Agreement, exposure for the University is created only when federally-owned or leased vessels or vehicles are used, or when the University transports hazardous goods or materials in a federally-owned or leased vessel or vehicle. If the research will not involve (a) use of federally owned or leased vessels, (b) use of federally owned vehicles, or (c) the transport of hazardous goods or materials by a federally-owned or leased vessel or vehicle, the indemnification provisions are not applicable to the projects.

Second, the PIs do not anticipate that any of the current or proposed projects under the Master Agreement will use federally-owned or leased vessels or vehicles. Nor do the current and proposed projects anticipate the transportation of hazardous goods or materials. As such, the risk of accepting the indemnifications is very low.

Third, in the event that a project under the Master Agreement does unexpectedly require the need for a federally-owned or leased vessel or vehicle, the PIs anticipate that risk management practices similar to those used for CIMAR projects can be utilized:

- Defensive driving fundamentals and training and/or small boat training/certification will be required. These trainings are required by NOAA before a UH employee can operate a government vehicle or small board (regardless of whether transporting hazardous materials or not).
- UH employees will also be required to take IRC Lab Training and certification for laboratory use which covers hazmat handling, storage, use and first aid. In addition, UH employees will be required to take an 8hr HAZWOPER certification every other year. UH employees transporting hazardous materials must complete HAZcom training. A spill kit must also be in the vehicle whenever hazardous materials are being transported.

In light of the unlikelihood that NOAA vessels or vehicles will be used or that hazardous materials will be transported under a CIROH project, and the risk management operational practices to be utilized by UH staff, the overall benefits to UH and community in accepting the proposed CIROH awards justify the indemnification exposure undertaken by UH.

#### **Advanced, Contingent Approval; Work Flow Efficiencies:**

This memorandum proposes handling the acceptance of the indemnification provisions for the CIROH projects in the same manner and procedure as UH currently handles the indemnification provisions of its CIMAR projects. In particular, this memorandum requests that the BOR authorize UH to accept the above-referenced indemnification obligations as projects are proposed during the term of the Master



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Agreement, so long as the Chief Financial Officer for UH, in consultation with the risk management office and the specific principal investigator, determines whether the specific indemnification risks can be covered under the University's current risk management program, or whether additional insurance coverage will be needed. These determinations must be made in order for the proposed amendment to be fully processed by the UH Office of Research Services, which will serve as the control point.

This proposed sequence of receiving advance approval by the BOR and thereafter having each project reviewed by the appropriate University officers as the projects are proposed, should reduce the peak loads and time delays due to batching according to the BOR monthly meeting schedule and facilitate a more even-paced deployment of administrative resources supporting research, while still satisfying the statutory requirements for review by responsible UH officials, including an assessment of the insurance coverage by UH's Chief Financial Officer.

In addition, the BOR will receive a report on a semi-annual basis on all CIROH projects undertaken by UH under the Master Agreement during the reporting period and the report will identify whether the project required the use of federally-owned or leased vessels or vehicles, if the transport of hazardous materials was required, whether UH had to defend or hold NOAA harmless against liability or costs during the reporting period, or any other material issues or concerns regarding the indemnification.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve and authorize the University to accept the indemnifications obligations regarding the use of federally-owned or leased vessels or vehicles, or the transport of hazardous materials during the term of the aforementioned Master Agreement, which ends on March 31, 2027, so long as the requisite statutorily required reviews are completed prior to full acceptance of each CIROH project, and provided further that the BOR receive semi-annual reports listing all CIROH projects that contain the indemnification provisions during the reported period, which CIROH projects required the use of federally-owned or leased vessels or vehicles, or transportation of hazardous materials, whether the University had to defend or hold NOAA harmless against any liability or costs during the reported period, and any other material issues or concerns regarding the indemnification.

Attachment (HRS § 304A-110)

c: Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board of Regents



**[§304A-110] Indemnification.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of regents may agree in writing to an indemnity provision by which the university agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless any person, corporation, or entity that sponsors research at the university when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The person, corporation, or entity requires an indemnity in writing as a condition for providing a grant, benefit, service, or interest in or right to use property;
- (2) The president, or the president's designee, following a favorable review by the university general counsel or the counsel's designee, approves the proposed indemnification; and
- (3) The chief financial officer, pursuant to section 304A-108, has obtained an insurance policy or policies in an amount sufficient to cover the liability of the university that may be reasonably anticipated to arise under the indemnity provision or has determined that it is not in the best interest of the university to obtain insurance.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of liability of the university beyond that set forth in chapters 661 and 662.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive the immunity of the university from suit in federal courts guaranteed by the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. An indemnity provision not in strict compliance with this section shall not give rise to a claim against the university under this chapter or chapter 661 or otherwise waive the university's sovereign immunity. [L 2006, c 75, pt of §2]

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John A. Burns School of Medicine  
Office of the Dean

dts 24796

February 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gabriel Lee  
Chairperson, Board of Regents  
University of Hawai'i

VIA: Wendy Hensel  
President  
University of Hawai'i

VIA: Michael Bruno *Michael Bruno*  
Provost  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

FROM: Tim Dolan   
Chief Executive Officer  
University of Hawai'i Foundation

T. Samuel Shomaker  
Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACTION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
ADVANCED GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY ENDOWED  
PROFESSORSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS,  
GYNECOLOGY AND WOMEN'S HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII AT MĀNOA, JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approve the establishment of the Advanced Gynecologic Surgery Endowed Professorship ("the Professorship") in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health ("Department of OBGYN") at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine ("JABSOM") in recognition of a private donation.

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RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Request that this be effective upon Board of Regents approval.

ADDITIONAL COST:

No additional costs are associated with this request.

PURPOSE:

The Professorship will be funded by a gift of \$500,000 from University Clinical, Education & Research Associates, also known as University Health Partners of Hawaii ("Donor"), which will establish an endowed fund at the University of Hawai'i Foundation. The purpose of the Professorship and endowed fund is to provide for an endowed professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at JABSOM in an effort to support and retain talented faculty, as well as to provide resources to the recipients to enhance the research, education, and community outreach missions of the Department.

Funds for this endowed professorship may be used according to the following:

1. Salary support for the recipient based on the determination of the Chair of the Department of OBGYN and the Dean of JABSOM ("Dean").
2. Program support as follows: The recipient will consider input from the Chair of the Department of OBGYN and the Dean in determining priorities and activities for faculty development, research, education and community outreach initiatives.
3. Travel by the recipient and/or other members of the Department of OBGYN to other universities and medical schools, government agencies, and industry visits.
4. Attendance at workshops, short or extended courses, and other educational opportunities on or off campus, by the recipient and or by other members of the Department of OBGYN.
5. Support for faculty, junior faculty, fellows, residents, medical students, graduate researchers, or other health professionals in the Department of OBGYN at JABSOM.
6. Support for research, curriculum, and/or program development in the Department of OBGYN at JABSOM

Funds may also be used to support the recruitment and relocation expenses of the Professorship position.

Selection committee members shall be recommended by the Chair of the Department of OBGYN and appointed by the Dean, who will serve in an advisory role to the committee and confer in making a final decision in awarding the Professorship.

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The recipient shall make an annual report on the previous year's related activities to the Dean and the Chair of the Department of OBGYN at JABSOM.

The candidate must:

1. Be a current faculty member or new recruit.
2. Hold an MD or DO degree, Board certification in specialty and be eligible for academic appointment at Associate or Full Professor level.
3. Have a documented record of academic accomplishments, including research and teaching.
4. Be able to provide program leadership and to make contributions to the education and research goals of the Department of OBGYN.
5. Have a strong interest in and substantial record working with medical students, OBGYN residents, fellows and faculty.

The Professorship shall be reviewed for reassignment either to the current holder or for assignment to another individual in accordance with the standard review and renewal process as established by the Dean of JABSOM and in accordance with University policy.

#### BACKGROUND:

JABSOM requests Board of Regents' approval for the establishment of the Advanced Gynecologic Surgery Endowed Professorship in recognition of the Donor's gift of \$500,000.

University Clinical, Education & Research Associates, also known as University Health Partners of Hawaii, is a non-profit organization supporting the clinical departments of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene Hawai'i Keiki Program, the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, and other University of Hawai'i Health Sciences programs. The organization strives to advance healthcare innovation and improve health outcomes across Hawai'i.

#### ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approve the establishment of the Advanced Gynecologic Surgery Endowed Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine in recognition of a private donation.

c: Yvonne Lau, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the BOR



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Della Teraoka  
Interim Vice President for Community Colleges

dts 24800

February 20, 2025

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Gabriel Lee  
Chair, University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

VIA: Wendy F. Hensel *Wendy Hensel*  
President

VIA: Debora Halbert *Debora Halbert*  
Vice President for Academic Strategy

FROM: Della Teraoka *Della Teraoka*  
Interim Vice President for Community Colleges

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AWARD EMERITUS TITLE TO MR. MICHAEL T. UNEBASAMI, RETIRED ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES

### SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that, with the recommendation of the President, the Board of Regents award the title of Associate Vice President Emeritus to Mr. Michael T. Unebasami, retired Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs of the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges.

### RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval by the Board of Regents.

### ADDITIONAL COST:

There is no cost associated with this request.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this request is to honor and recognize the distinguished and exceptional service that Mr. Michael T. Unebasami has provided to the University of Hawai'i by awarding him the title of Associate Vice President Emeritus.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Board of Regents Policy, RP 5.219, Emeritus/Emerita Title, and Executive Policy 5.207, Awarding of Emeritus/Emerita Title, provides for the awarding of the emeritus/emmerita title to retiring or retired vice presidents or chancellors who have five or more years of service in that position who have made exceptional contributions to the University and who are recognized as distinguished leaders in their field. The President may recommend to the Board of Regents for consideration of individuals deserving of honor who do not meet the above stated criteria.

After over a half-century of dedicated service to the State of Hawai'i and the University of University of Hawai'i (UH), Mr. Michael Unebasami retired from his position as Associate Vice President of Administrative Affairs for the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC) on December 1, 2024.

Mr. Michael Unebasami began his career with the UH in 1968. He served in various fiscal and management positions within the UH, including Assistant Dean for Administrative Affairs at the School of Public Health at UH Manoa, Program Budget Specialist at the University Budget Office, and Finance Officer at the East-West Center before joining the Community Colleges in 1980 as the Director of Administrative Services at Leeward Community College. In 1993, Mr. Unebasami was promoted to Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, a position that resided in the office formerly known as the Administrative Affairs Office of the Senior Vice President and Chancellor for Community Colleges. Thereafter, due to a reorganization of the UH System, Mr. Unebasami assumed the title of Associate Vice President (AVP) of Administrative Affairs in 2003.

During Mr. Unebasami's 44-years with the UHCC, he consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and dedication to serving the mission and goals of the community colleges. Mr. Unebasami's strategic thinking, ability to deliver measurable outcomes, and his unwavering commitment to excellence is unparalleled. As the AVP, Mr. Unebasami was responsible for providing leadership for all aspects of the administrative affairs for the community colleges including budget, human resources, financial management, facilities planning and management, marketing, auxiliary enterprises, and security. He also served as liaison for the community colleges both during and between legislative sessions and oversaw the coordination and/or development of the community colleges budget and allocation plans, CIP budgets and expenditure plans.

Throughout his career, Mr. Unebasami has been consistently recognized for his leadership, depth of knowledge and his exceptional ability to skillfully and successfully advance the mission and vision of the UHCC. In 2009, then-Governor Linda Lingle named Mr. Unebasami as State Manager of the Year, a testament to his passion and unfailing dedication to the UHCC and the advancement of higher education in the State of Hawai'i.



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The award also recognized Mr. Unebasami's stellar efforts to create and perpetuate a work environment of integrity, trust, and respect for staff, colleagues, faculty and students. He was further recognized for his management of the UHCC's multi-million dollar budget and his contributions toward ensuring the smooth operation of seven community college campuses by inspiring, mentoring and providing progressive leadership to others.

During his tenure with the UHCC, Mr. Unebasami has been instrumental in modernizing facilities by strategically planning capital improvements across all campuses. During the 2000s, he implemented several new technologically advanced systems that increased efficiency and productivity at the seven campuses, including a work-order system that increased efficiencies and a new safety and security system that improved responsiveness. He also initiated plans to ensure that campuses are more energy efficient by implementing "green technology", including photovoltaic systems, in facilities planning and development, with the goal of reducing overall energy consumption with alternate sources of renewable energy for campuses.

Mr. Unebasami is also well-recognized for his open-communication style of management style and his success as an effective team builder and motivator. He encouraged feedback, innovation, and creativity from staff and continually supported and nurtured professional development and opportunities for training and advancement. Towards this goal, Mr. Unebasami organized fundraising events to support professional development programs of which hundreds of UHCC employees have benefited.

Mr. Unebasami has also garnered additional respect and recognition for the UHCC through his long-standing and active leadership role in the Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO) and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). Through his leadership with these organizations, he launched a Pacific Rim Seminar that provided a local venue for members from Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim to receive technical and management training as well as foster the development of professional networks in Hawai'i. Many UH employees were able to attend and benefit from these professional development opportunities.

In 2019, Mr. Unebasami was honored with the NACUBO Distinguished Business Officer Award. Recognized as NACUBO's most prestigious award, it is presented to individuals who have shown exemplary leadership, outstanding achievement and extraordinary service over an extended period of time. The NACUBO award recognized Mr. Unebasami's role in strategically planning capital improvements to transform aging campus plants into modern facilities, and growing the office's operating budget from \$90.8 million to \$248 million during his tenure. At the time of the NACUBO award, the Interim Vice President of Community Colleges remarked that Mr. Unebasami is "not only a very accomplished executive and leader, but his commitment goes beyond the campus walls and boardrooms. He exemplifies how business officers in higher

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education can push forward ideas into action. He helps us build important partnerships internally and externally so that we can continue to offer our students a better learning environment, higher customer service and improved processes, while also supporting innovation and growth at the campuses."

Granting of the title Associate Vice President Emeritus to Mr. Unebasami is a fitting accolade to an exceptional and committed administrator who has devoted his career to the University of Hawai'i. Through decades of dedicated service, Mr. Unebasami has consistently demonstrated exemplary vision, one that has fostered excellence, cultivated strong partnerships, and promoted the growth and success of students, faculty, and staff. His exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment to advancing the mission of the community colleges, and his invaluable contributions have created a lasting legacy; and conferral of the Emeritus title is well-deserved.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

It is recommended that Mr. Michael T. Unebasami be awarded the title of Associate Vice President Emeritus, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges, effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.

**APPROVED / DISAPPROVED:**

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 Gabriel Lee, Chair, Board of Regents

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c: OVPCC Human Resources



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March 13, 2025

TO: Gabriel Lee  
Chair, Board of Regents

VIA: Wendy F. Hensel  
President

Kalbert K. Young  
Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer

FROM: *for* Lui Hokoana  
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i Maui College

SUBJECT: Authorizing the University of Hawai'i to enter into a Lease with the  
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for a Community-Based Outpatient  
Clinic at University of Hawai'i Maui College

**SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUESTED:**

We request that the Board of Regents ("BOR") authorize the Administration to enter into a Lease ("Lease") between the University of Hawai'i ("UH" or "University") and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs ("VA" or "Lessee") for approximately two (2) acres ("Premises"), on a portion of Tax Map Key No. (2) 3-8-007: 040 ("Property"). Attachment A to this memorandum shows the Property and the Premises. Attachment A will be included in the Lease. A summary of terms for the Lease is attached hereto as Attachment B, Summary of Major Terms.

**RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The Lease will be executed upon approval of the BOR.

**ADDITIONAL COST:**

The Lease is not anticipated to result in any additional operational or capital

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improvement costs for the University. Annual rent will be paid to the University. Upon execution of the Lease, the Lessee will be responsible for all improvements, utilities, and maintenance of the Premises.

**BACKGROUND:**

The University of Hawai'i Maui College ("UHMC") began as Maui Vocational School in 1931. In 1958 the Department of Public Instruction authorized a name change to Maui Technical School to reflect an upgrade of education to a technical level. In 1964, the State Legislature enacted the Community College Act, establishing a statewide community college system under the University. Maui Technical School was incorporated into this system in July 1965. In 1966, the UH BOR authorized the College to confer the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees and approved a name change to Maui Community College. In February 2010, the UH BOR approved a name change to UHMC to more accurately represent the college's programs and services, which include baccalaureate programs. UHMC remains one of seven community colleges in the UH system, and the only college in Maui County.

The Property was acquired by the University via Quitclaim Deed executed on April 29, 1987 for the UHMC. The Premises consists of vacant raw land and an underutilized parking lot that was previously used as tennis courts. The Premises is adjacent to UHMC's existing solar photovoltaic field, the 'Ike Le'a science building, and the Maui Economic Opportunity Head Start preschool.

The VA's mission is to care for those who have served in the U.S. military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors. The VA's current Community-Based Outpatient Clinic ("CBOC") is located at 203 Hoohana Street, Kahului, Maui, on the third floor of a larger office building that is shared with other users. The VA currently services approximately 2,100 veterans (or about 60% of eligible veterans) that visit the CBOC for their appointments.

The VA is seeking a new site for its CBOC that will serve as the primary care home for upwards of 3,500 enrolled Maui veterans who are eligible to receive services. The CBOC will provide the following services: mental health; specialized Medicare care (both in person and via Telehealth); social work; home-based primary care; audiology; and minimal point of care laboratory testing. The VA anticipates that total staffing for the CBOC to be between 40 to 50 individuals, including 6 medical doctors, 2 nurse practitioners, 7 social workers, 1 pharmacist, and between 10 to 12 nurses.

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Compared to the current facility, the proposed CBOC will be larger, specifically dedicated to the VA and in a more convenient location for veterans. The proposed CBOC will use the VA's latest design standards and have an improved layout, patient care flow, and parking for both the VA and UHMC. The proposed CBOC will provide improved vehicular and pedestrian access and enhance the overall appearance and condition of this portion of the UHMC campus. The VA will coordinate with the University on the design of the CBOC project to mitigate impacts to the UHMC campus. The VA estimates that the total project design, construction, and other related costs to be approximately \$20,000,000. According to the VA, funding for the Project is authorized and appropriated by the U.S. Congress and incorporated in the VA's budget as a Minor Construction Project.

**APPLICABLE REGENTS POLICY:**

Under BOR Policy RP 10.201, the BOR's approval is required for this real property transaction, given the length of the term of the Ground Lease (more than five (5) years). The six decision-making considerations, enumerated under BOR Policy RP 10.201.III.A, are addressed in turn as follows:

- a. *Promote and support the mission and goals of the university in education, research, service, and economic development.*

UHMC offers programs that take advantage of the unique physical and social characteristics of Maui County, attracting and serving students who are qualified for baccalaureate entry and seek opportunities for highly engaging and experiential learning. The VA will work collaboratively with UHMC faculty and students, and the proposed Project location will strengthen existing academic partnerships with UHMC, and create learning and employment opportunities for students. The VA has represented to UH that it has affiliation agreements with the University that allow students to learn at its facilities. The VA expects the same type of agreement and relationship with this facility.

- b. *Advance principles and practices of sound environmental stewardship and sustainability.*

The Project is being designed to meet the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings and will continue to stress sustainability as a key factor in decision-making. Impervious surfaces on site will be minimized to reduce potential run-off impacts on the environment. Further, project design efforts will also endeavor to reduce the carbon footprint of the Project both during construction and under operation.

- c. *Ensure that alternative actions are considered, investigated, and analyzed.*

The Premises is primarily vacant or underutilized lands. The Premises is within the UHMC's long-range development plan ("LRDP") dated November 2006. The LRDP evaluated potential areas on or adjacent to the UHMC campus that could be redeveloped in the future, and identified that the Premises could be utilized in the future for Vocational Technology and Parking. However, UHMC does not currently plan to develop the Premises for future campus growth as the level of demand for parking and facilities has changed since the LRDP was prepared.

- d. *Be fairly priced in the context of applicable fair market values and other relevant factors.*

Under the proposed rent terms of the Lease (see Exhibit B, Summary of Major Terms), the University will be receiving \$125,000 in annual base rent for the initial five (5) years, with step-ups in base rent every five (5) years. The Lease includes a cumulative term of 20 years. The proposed rents are fairly priced based on available comparable properties of similar size and location. In addition to rent, the Lease will save UHMC costs associated with maintaining the Premises.

- e. *Generate revenue from real property not critical to long-range plans for the university to support the university's core mission.*

The Premises is not critical to UHMC's current long-range plans. The Premises is primarily vacant or underutilized lands that are not generating revenue. The Lease will generate revenues, as the University will be receiving \$125,000 in annual base rent for the initial five (5) years, and is anticipated to reduce overall costs to UHMC. Base rent will increase as set forth in the Summary of Major Terms. Furthermore, the Lessee will be responsible for all improvements, utilities, and maintenance of the Premises, which is advantageous to reduce overall costs to UHMC.



Board Chair Gabriel Lee  
 March 13, 2025  
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- f. *Be consistent with and support long-range plans that have been approved by the BOR.*

The Premises is within the UHMC's LRDP. The LRDP evaluated potential areas on, or adjacent to, the UHMC campus that could be redeveloped in the future, and identified that the Premises could be utilized in the future for Vocational Technology and Parking. However, UHMC does not currently plan to develop the Premises for future campus growth as the level of demand for parking and facilities has changed since the LRDP was prepared. The arrangement is supportive of the Imperatives as set forth in the University's Strategic Plan 2023-2029, including "Develop successful students for a better future" and "Meet Hawai'i's workforce needs of today and tomorrow." The arrangement also supports the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Facilities, and High Performing System, which are three of the five policies as set forth in the University's Strategic Direction, 2015-2021.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

We respectfully request that the Board of Regents authorize, the Administration to enter into the Lease, as provided in the Summary of Major Terms. Once approved, the President and the Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer will: (1) finalize and execute said Lease; and (2) take such actions and execute such other ancillary documents as they deem necessary to implement this transaction.

c: Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board Yvonne Lau

Attachments: Attachment A - Map of Premises  
 Attachment B - Summary of Major Terms

**Attachment A – Map of Premises**

Key	
Premises:	<span style="color: yellow;">———</span>
Shared Parking:	<span style="color: red;">———</span>

## ATTACHMENT B

### Summary of Major Terms

#### PROPERTY AND PREMISES

- **"Property"** – Tax Map Key No. (2) 3-8-007: 040, approximately 48.606 acres; 310 West Kaahumanu Avenue Kahului, HI 96732-1617. The Property is shown on Attachment A, attached to the Board Action Memorandum ("**BAM**").
- **"Premises"** – A portion of the Property, approximately 87,120 square feet (SF) (approximately 2 acres) of land. The Premises is shown on Attachment A, attached to the BAM.

#### PARTIES

- Landowner and Lessor
  - University of Hawai'i ("**Lessor**")
- Lessee
  - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("**Government**"),

#### LEASE TERM

- 20 Years Firm Term

#### GOVERNMENT INTENDED USE

The Government intends to use the leased Premises to construct a Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic ("**CBOC**"), parking, and other uses required to support the CBOC.

If Government finds through its independent due diligence that the Premises is not suitable for its intended use, Government may terminate this Lease prior to the completion of the fixed term and shall not incur any costs, (i.e., rent payments).

If Government discovers hazardous materials, Lessor will be notified and if the Government decides to terminate the lease, Government shall not incur any costs.

## APPURTENANT RIGHTS

Appurtenant areas are unknown at the time of lease award. Lessor will be notified of known Appurtenant Areas. Lessor will be consulted where the Government will need to post signs that are outside of the leased Premises. Appurtenant areas shall be mutually agreed to among the parties and made part of an amendment in writing to this Lease.

## RENT

	YEARS 1-5	YEARS 6-10	YEARS 11-15	YEARS 16-20
TOTAL ANNUAL RENT	\$125,000.00	\$137,500.00	\$151,250.00	\$166,375.00

## WAIVER OF RESTORATION & OWNERSHIP OF IMPROVEMENTS

Lessor shall have no right to require the Government to restore the Premises upon expiration or earlier termination (full or partial) of the Lease, and waives all claims against the Government for: A. Waste; or, B. Damages or restoration arising from or related to: 1. The Government's normal and customary use of the Premises during the term of the Lease (including any extensions thereof); as well as, 2. Any initial or subsequent alteration to the Premises regardless of whether such alterations are performed by the Lessor or by the Government.

At its sole option, the Government may abandon property in the Premises following expiration or earlier termination (full or partial) of the Lease, in which case the property will become the property of the Lessor, and the Government will be relieved of any liability accrued after the expiration or earlier termination in connection therewith.

## COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

Lessor shall comply with all Federal, state, tribal, and local laws applicable to its ownership and leasing of the premises. The Government will comply with all Federal, state, tribal, and local laws applicable to and enforceable against it as a tenant under this lease, provided that nothing in this lease shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Lessor and Government. This lease shall be governed by Federal law.

Applicable enumerated provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation and General Services Acquisition Manual/Regulation (GSAM/R), as amended from time to time, apply to this Lease within the Premises, including:

- FAR 52.233-1 Disputes. Outlines procedures for resolving disputes arising under the lease contract. Lessor must first negotiate disputes with the contracting officer. If unresolved, submit a written claim for decision. Appeals can be made to the agency board of contract appeals or U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

# **Presentation on Proposed U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Community-Based Outpatient Clinic at University of Hawai'i Maui College**

**Presentation to UH Board of Regents**

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**March 20, 2025**



## Proposed VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) is proposing to construct a new Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) on Maui.

The VA has expressed interest in leasing University owned land at UH Maui College for the CBOC.

The VA issued a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) to the University. Both parties have been in negotiations on final terms of a Lease.



*Existing Maui VA Clinic in Kahului*

# Proposed VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic

**Current Use:** Vacant Land and Underutilized Parking Lot

## Property Details

**Tax Map Key Parcel:**

(2) 3-8-007: 040 (por.)

**State Land Use:** Urban

**County Zoning:**

R-2 Residential (30 feet height limit)

**County Community Plan:**

Public/Quasi-Public

**Special Management Area:** Inside

**Long Range Development Plan:**

Vocational Technology and Parking.

No UH projects planned for the area.



**Key**  
Premises: —  
Shared Parking: —

## Proposed VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic

**Land Area/Premises:** Approximately two (2) acres

**Proposed Use:** The VA plans to construct a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), parking, and other supporting uses. VA to also have shared parking arrangement with University for 59 parking stalls. VA to be responsible for design, permits/approvals, construction, operations, and maintenance.

**Term:** 20 Years

**Rent:** \$125,000/year to University for first five (5) years. Annual rent increases by 10% every five (5) years.

**Educational and Other Benefits:** Educational practicum opportunities, employment opportunities (workforce development), strategic partnerships, physical improvements/enhancements to the UH Maui College campus.



*Recently completed Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA Clinic on O'ahu.*



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March 14, 2025

DTS-2593

TO: Gabriel Lee  
Chair  
Board of Regents

FROM: Mike Miyahira  
Chair  
Committee on Independent Audit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Miyahira".

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER LAU, DIRECTOR OF  
INTERNAL AUDIT, POSITION #89218, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF  
REGENTS

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Christopher Lau as Director of Internal Audit, position #89218, under the Board of Regents, effective April 16, 2025, or shortly thereafter, at an annual salary of \$225,000 (\$18,750 monthly), subject to any executive/managerial adjustments, as appropriate.

It is also requested that the Board approve a one-time relocation allowance of \$7,500 for Mr. Lau to facilitate his relocation to Hawai'i from California.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

April 16, 2025

ADDITIONAL COST:

There is an additional cost of \$39,456 annually, or \$3,288 per month, which will be covered by a reallocation of funds. The relocation allowance of \$7,500 will be a one-time payment.

PURPOSE:

The Director of Internal Audit reports directly to the Board of Regents and supports it in its responsibility to oversee and monitor the operations of the University and to ensure that the University's activities are in support of the University's mission. The filling of this position is critical for assessing and managing the University's compliance, financial, and operational risks.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

2444 Dole Street, Bachman Hall 209  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822  
Telephone: (808) 956-8213  
Fax: (808) 956-5156



## Memorandum to Board of Regents

March 14, 2025

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Pursuant to BOR Policy, RP 9.212, Executive and Managerial Personnel (EM) Policies, The Board shall be the Appointing Authority for all EM positions reporting directly to the Board.

The advertised position attracted a total of thirteen (13) applicants, in which the top four (4) candidates were invited for an interview with the Committee on Independent Audit. One (1) candidate withdrew from consideration. Mr. Lau was deemed the most qualified of the remaining applicants.

Mr. Lau possesses over ten (10) years of experience in audit, finance, technology, and Big 4 consulting. In his current appointment (from July 2020) as Senior Vice President, Internal Audit at PennyMac Financial Services Incorporated, Mr. Lau directly leads a team of five (5) auditors and co-leads the entire PennyMac audit staff of twenty (20) auditors across multiple states, collaborating on strategy, execution, and team development to ensure alignment with organizational audit goals.

Mr. Lau has also served as Senior Associate, Risk Consulting at KPMG in Los Angeles (from November 2015), where he led multiple enterprise-wide risk assessments with executives in both Finance and IT. Prior to that appointment, he served as Financial Analyst for the Card Services Division at First Hawaiian Bank (from October 2013) where he assisted with audit, examinations, schedules required for credit card institutions, internal and external auditors, and regulatory authorities (FDIC, FRB).

This position is currently assigned to grade SM-2, on the University's current Executive and Managerial Salary Schedule, with a minimum of \$129,732, a midpoint of \$181,617, and a maximum of \$233,508. The requested salary of \$225,000 is between the midpoint and maximum of the salary band. According to CUPA Public survey 2023-2024, this position is comparable to a Chief Audit Officer, which reflects a salary of \$198,858 at the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile and \$226,445 at the median.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Christopher Lau as Director of Internal Audit, position #89218, under the Board of Regents, effective April 16, 2025, or shortly thereafter, at an annual salary of \$225,000 (\$18,750 monthly), subject to any executive/managerial adjustments, as appropriate.

It is also recommended that the Board approve a one-time relocation allowance of \$7,500 for Mr. Lau to facilitate his relocation to Hawai'i from California.

Attachments

1. Resume

c: Office of Human Resources

# CHRIS LAU



## PROFILE

Chris is a Senior Vice President of Internal Audit at PennyMac, the largest correspondent mortgage lender in the U.S. With over a decade of experience across accounting, technology, and Big 4 consulting, Chris has a proven ability to strategize with stakeholders at all levels, including Board of Directors and C-suite.

## SKILLS

- External and Internal Audit
- Board and Executive Communication
- Cross-Functional Collaboration
- Key Risk Indicator (KRI) Development
- Cybersecurity
- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
- Strategic Leadership
- Audit and Risk Reporting
- Regulatory Compliance
- Accounting Principles (GAAP)

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)
- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Vice President, Internal Audit

*PennyMac*

Jul 2020 – Present

*Westlake Village, CA*

- Head of Integrated and IT Internal Audit for PennyMac Financial Services Incorporated (NYSE: PFSI), with \$19B in assets, and PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust (NYSE: PMT), with \$13B in assets. Reports directly to the Chief Audit Executive and as a quarterly speaker to the Board of Directors' Audit Committee, Technology Committee, and Vendor Management Committee.
- Directly leads a team of five auditors (one Vice President, three Managers, and one Analyst) and co-leads the entire PennyMac audit staff of 20 auditors across multiple states, collaborating on strategy, execution, and team development to ensure alignment with organizational audit goals. Manages a \$500K annual budget for hiring external subject matter experts for technical testing and industry best practices. Established PennyMac's Training Curriculum to develop the team's professional growth and prepare the team for audits and emerging regulatory and technology risks.
- Performed over 100 risk assessments, audits, and advisory engagements at PennyMac, leading to the identification of emerging risks, improved compliance, and proactive risk-mitigating cost savings. Enhanced PennyMac's audit methodologies in integrated risk assessment frameworks, judgmental and statistical sampling, design and effectiveness testing, risk scoring systems, and reporting. Utilized global frameworks from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), Cyber Risk Institute (CRI), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), International Organization for Standardization (ISO 31000), and Control Objectives for Information and Related Technologies (COBIT).
- Partners on enterprise risk initiatives by meeting weekly with the Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Credit Officer. Collaborated with ERM to develop a new Risk Control Self-Assessment (RCSAs) framework with KRIs, leading to unified risk taxonomy between all three lines of defense.
- Introduced an Enterprise and Division Audit Issue Memorandum into the audit reporting process to identify and bring awareness to enterprise-level and division-level control deficiencies. In the first year of implementation, this led to three enterprise-level and one division-level findings which helped reduce costs of recurring findings for the company. Also developed multi-year finding trend analysis to identify thematic root causes, recurring risks, and impacted stakeholders for presentation to the Audit Committees.
- Led Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) 404 and System and Organization Controls (SOC) 1 Type 2 financial reporting attestation for multiple entities under the PennyMac enterprise. Responsibilities included External Audit liaison and managing all aspects of the audit and leading the work of Internal Audit for External Auditors' reliance. Evaluated entity-level controls, revenue, expenses, equity, cash, earnings per share, equity disclosures, reconciliations, investments, payroll, journal entries, tax, and supporting IT general controls for in-scope systems.



- Led operational and compliance audits across PennyMac's divisions. Responsibilities included audit program design, scoping federal and state regulatory requirements, and evaluating first and second line of defense assurance programs.
- Led technology audits covering IT general controls (ITGCs), network security, cloud infrastructure, software development life cycle (SDLC), segregation of duties, cybersecurity, external and internal penetration testing, privacy, data governance, vendor management, and disaster recovery. This included regulatory compliance testing with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the New York State Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) Cybersecurity Requirements, and other government-sponsored entity (GSE) investor requirements.
- Evaluated PennyMac's warehouse line operations with the top 10 U.S. banks. Specialized in data maturity modeling (CMMI, Capability Maturity Model Integration) and advanced data analytics using SQL, Snowflake, Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebooks, and Python.

### Senior Associate, Risk Consulting

Nov 2015 – Jul 2020

KPMG

Los Angeles, CA

- Led multiple enterprise-wide risk assessments with executives in both Finance and IT. Gained an understanding of the company's strategic objectives, initiatives, core services and products, customers, markets, and key areas of concern. Helped identify and assess risks within each functional business area utilizing standardized risk frameworks from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).
- Led SOX 404 attestation for an international and multi-entity biotech holding company, regional banks, and regional airlines. Reviewed entity-level controls, business combinations, revenue, expenses, additional paid-in capital, stock compensation, cash, earnings per share, equity disclosures, financial close, investments, notes payable and receivables, journal entries, general ledger reconciliations, and tax provisioning. Reviewed IT areas of general security settings, logical and physical access, password parameters, backups, interfaces, data restorations, incident management, and SDLC.
- Led specialized financial services internal audits for various institution types (banks, trusts, investment management, mortgage lenders). Reviewed areas of accounting, treasury, asset liability management, investments, special assets, E-Banking, customer service, credit administration, residential and commercial lending, loan servicing, collections, human resources, branch administration and operations, vendor management, ACH, and NACHA Appendix 8. This included regulatory compliance testing for GLBA, Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering (BSA/AML), Reg B (Equal Credit Opportunity Act), Reg C (Home Mortgage Disclosure Act), Reg D (Reserve Requirements), Reg DD (Truth in Savings), Reg P (Privacy Act), Reg Z (Truth In Lending Act), Reg X (Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act), TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure (TRID), Reg 9 (Fiduciary Activities), Flood Disaster Protection Act, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act (SAFE).
- Led multiple BSA/AML internal audits for multiple financial institutions and reviewed areas of Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Know Your Customer (KYC), Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), Currency Transaction Reporting (CTR), training, record retention, Customer Due Diligence/Enhanced Due Diligence (CDD/EDD), Section 314(a) and (b), fund transferring, monetary instruments, and transaction monitoring. Led a real-time implementation review of a national bank's new anti-money laundering transactional monitoring system, which included parallel production testing, user acceptance testing, and gap assessments. Led the first-year testing of beneficial ownership requirements for legal entity customers for multiple financial institutions. Assisted a national bank in fiduciary services to develop its BSA/AML/OFAC risk assessment risk rating methodology in accordance with regulatory and industry standards.

### Financial Analyst, Card Services Division

Oct 2013 – Oct 2015

First Hawaiian Bank

Honolulu, HI

- Assisted with audit, examinations, schedules required for credit card institutions, internal and external auditors, and regulatory authorities (FDIC, FRB).
- Prepared various monthly and quarterly reports: Portfolio Trend Analysis, Charge-off, Delinquency, Fraud, and Operational Dashboards. This included variance analysis, predictive trend analysis, in-depth researching, and responding to manager inquiries accordingly.
- Managed general ledger allocations and accruals for Controllers. Performed ad-hoc reporting with SQL querying in TSYS mainframe and Oracle database warehouse. Developed PERL parsing scripts and VBA macros to improve reporting efficiency.
- Worked with managers across the bank on various projects, such as pipeline product analysis and accounting, revenue and budget projections, cost efficiency propositions, underwriting, and risk management.

## EDUCATION

### University of Hawaii, Manoa

Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting

Honolulu, HI

# Item VII.F.

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes 92-2.5(e) report on Vice Chair Tochiki and Regent Neil Abercrombie's attendance at the Joint Legislative Informational Briefing for Senate Committee on Higher Education and Committee on Economic Development and Tourism on March 3, 2025

**NO MATERIALS  
ORAL REPORT**

# **2025 University of Hawai'i Legislative Update**

For Presentation

UH Board of Regents  
March 20, 2025



- Legislative Calendar
- 2025 Budget/Funding Bill
- 2025 UH Legislative Package (Admin Bills)
- 2025 Select Bills of Interest
  - Board of Regents
  - UH Operations
- 2025 Select Resolutions of Interest



# Legislative Calendar

VII.G. 3

March 7 – Substantive Resolution Cutoff

March 10 – Budget Decking

March 12 – Budget Crossover

March 20 – Second Lateral Filing (Bills)

March 21 – Second Lateral (Bills)

April 3 – First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)/Single Referral  
Filing (House Bills)

April 4 – Second Decking (Bills)

April 10 – Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree

April 17 – Constitutional Amendments



# 2025 Budget/Funding Bill

VII.G. 4

**HB 300 HD1 (Nakamura)**

## **RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate WAM deferred until 3/31/2025 at 10:00am





# 2025 Budget – Operating

VII.G. 5

		Board of Regents		Governor		House	
Campus	Item	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
Permanent Funding							
Mānoa	Make Mānoa Athletics subsidy permanent	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000
Mānoa	HIMB Positions from Act 181/23	\$ 246,118	\$ 246,118	\$ 246,118	\$ 246,118	\$ 246,118	\$ 246,118
Mānoa	K-12 Expanded Teaching Cohort from Act 141/22	\$ 420,556	\$ 375,556				
Mānoa	Pamantasan Council from Act 64/23	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500
Hilo	Make Hilo Athletics subsidy permanent	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Hilo	Full Year funding for BS in Education Studies and Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500
Community Colleges	Windward CC Mental Health Tech Certificate of Competence Program from Act 107/24	\$ 210,150	\$ 210,150	\$ 210,150	\$ 210,150	\$ 210,150	\$ 210,150
Community Colleges	Mauai College Practical Nursing Bridge Program from Act 74/23	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000
Community Colleges	Pamantasan Council from Act 64/23	\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000
Hawai'i Promise							
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$ 8,683,397	\$ 8,683,397				
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$ 920,938	\$ 920,938				
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$ 2,451,832	\$ 2,451,832				
Student Support							
Mānoa	Financial Aid Counselors	\$ 904,152	\$ 904,152	\$ 199,440	\$ 398,880	\$ 199,440	\$ 398,880
Hilo	Retention Coordinator	\$ 37,500	\$ 75,000				
Hilo	Internship Coordinator	\$ 37,500	\$ 75,000				
Hilo	Student Enrollment Management	\$ 432,500	\$ 640,000				
West O'ahu	Admissions and Financial Aid	\$ 213,600	\$ 213,600	\$ 37,650	\$ 75,300	\$ 37,650	\$ 75,300
Workforce Development - Nursing							
Mānoa	UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration Phase III	\$ 447,936	\$ 447,936	\$ 447,936	\$ 447,936	\$ 447,936	\$ 447,936
Mānoa	Online RN to BS Program	\$ 111,984	\$ 111,984				
Hilo	Increase School of Nursing cohort size	\$ 297,500	\$ 595,000	\$ 357,500	\$ 475,000	\$ 357,500	\$ 475,000
West O'ahu	Pre-Nursing Pathway	\$ 424,364	\$ 424,364	\$ 107,776	\$ 215,552	\$ 107,776	\$ 215,552

# 2025 Budget – Operating

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		Board of Regents		Governor		House	
Campus	Item	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
Workforce Development - Other							
Hilo	Administration of Justice Program Expansion	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000				
Hilo	Data Science Program	\$ 42,500	\$ 85,000				
Hilo	Biocultural Science Program	\$ 85,000	\$ 170,000				
West O’ahu	Teacher Preparation Programs	\$ 90,455	\$ 90,455				
Medical Facilities							
JABSOM	Debt service for Kaka'ako Health & Wellness Campus	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 1,108,019	\$ 1,533,463	\$ 1,108,019	\$ 1,533,463
Cancer Center	Debt service and operational costs	\$ 6,857,810	\$ 6,857,810	\$ 9,476,352	\$ 9,441,861	\$ 9,476,352	\$ 9,441,861
Other Requests - Core Functions							
JABSOM	Central Chiller Plant Operations	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000				
Hilo	Groundskeepers	\$ 101,280	\$ 202,560				
West O’ahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services	\$ 341,748	\$ 341,748	\$ 66,888	\$ 133,776	\$ 66,888	\$ 133,776
System Admin	Information Security	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000				
Other							
Mānoa	Expand Concussion Education to Middle Schools	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000				
JABSOM	Focus on cardiovascular disease and treatment	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000				
Mānoa	Convert Athletics Positions and Additional Support	\$ 4,519,341	\$ 4,519,341	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000
Governor's Message							
Mānoa	Pamantasan Council (additional funds)			\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Mānoa	Economic and Policy Research at UHERO			\$ 480,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 480,000
Mānoa	Athletics			\$12,800,000	\$12,800,000	\$12,800,000	\$12,800,000
Hilo	Rat lungworm research			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1	\$ 1
Hilo	Athletics			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Community Colleges	Pamantasan Council (additional funds)			\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
System Admin	Peace Program support staff			\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 1	\$ 1
House Add-on							
System Admin	I Hoa Nā Mo’olelo					\$ 179,378	\$ 179,378
	Total	\$37,895,161	\$38,733,941	\$31,311,829	\$32,232,036	\$31,141,209	\$32,061,416

Non-recurring items in red

# 2025 Budget – CIP

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Campus	Project Description	Board of Regents		Governor		House	
		FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
System/Mānoa	RIM Projects	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	
Mānoa	Student Housing Services Improvements	\$ 61,500,000	\$ 57,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 30,750,000	\$ 28,500,000
Mānoa	Assessment & Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000			\$ 4,000,000	
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Improvements	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -				
Mānoa	Athletics Improvements	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000			\$ 10,000,000	
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$ 9,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000	
Mānoa	PV Rooftop and Canopies and Various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000				
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	
Mānoa	Admin Office & Parking Phase I and II	\$ 9,000,000	\$ -				
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$ 29,625,000	\$ 22,685,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	
Hilo	Puako Marine Education & Research Center, Phase I	\$ -	\$ 750,000				
UHWO	RIM Projects	\$ 6,900,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 6,500,000	
CCs	Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance	\$ 37,500,000	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	
CCs	Minor CIP	\$ 37,500,000	\$ 25,000,000			\$ 37,500,000	
CCs	Kapi'olani CC - Kauila and Kopiko Renovations for Health Sciences	\$ -	\$ 34,800,000				
CCs	Honolulu CC - Technology Renovations, Phase 2	\$ 32,000,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	
CCs	Maui College - Heona Modernization	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -			\$ 15,000,000	
CCs	Maui College - Hale Modernization	\$ -	\$ 12,000,000				
CCs	Windward CC - Alaka'i Building Renovation	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000				\$ 15,000,000
Mānoa	Land Acquisition for former St. Francis Property					\$ 1,000	
Mānoa	Waimānalo CTAHR CARES center					\$ 5,500,000	
Mānoa	Magoon Research Station					\$ 6,000,000	
System	Demolition of Undersea Laboratory Building (Makai Pier)					\$ 500,000	
System	Project Adjustment Fund					\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$381,025,000</b>	<b>\$331,235,000</b>	<b>\$145,500,000</b>	<b>\$114,500,000</b>	<b>\$229,755,000</b>	<b>\$ 43,504,000</b>

# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

VII.G. 8

## **REVENUE BONDS**

**HB 1168 HD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed unamended

**SB 1487 SD1 HD1** (Kouchi)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** House HED passed as an HD1; referred to FIN



# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

VII.G. 9

## **CONFERENCE CENTER FUND**

**HB 1169 HD1 SD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND**

Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii System. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund and the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund. Lapses all appropriations and encumbrances of the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds out of the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. (SD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed as an SD1; referred to WAM



# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

VII.G. 10

## **RESIDENT TUITION FEE**

**HB 1170 HD1** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE**

Requires the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions.

Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed unamended

## **STUDENT RELIEF FUNDING**

**HB 1171 HD2** (Nakamura)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING**

Allows the Board of Regents to use funds in the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor. Requires a report. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed unamended; referred to WAM





# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

VII.G. 11

## **DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING**

**SB 1491 SD1** (Kouchi)

### **RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING**

Adds the Department of Taxation and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the list of state agencies required to share data and determine the data to be shared through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System. Requires data shared by the Department of Taxation and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to be aggregated or anonymized. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** House LAB passed as an HD1; referred to FIN



# 2025 Legislative Package and Other Similar Bills

VII.G. 12

## **CIGARETTE TAX**

**HB 441 HD2** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES**

Beginning 7/1/2025, amends the cigarette tax and amends the cigarette tax disposition of revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HHS/HRE hearing on 3/19/2025 at 1:00pm

## **HAWAII PROMISE**

**HB 542 HD1** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM**

Expands the Hawaii promise program to provide scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year university of Hawaii campus who meet certain criteria. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE, WAM



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Board of Regents

VII.G. 13

### **SB 741** (Dela Cruz)

#### **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Establishes an External Audit Committee within the University of Hawaii to audit the University of Hawaii System and the Board of Regents. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

**Position:** Oppose

**Update:** House HED deferred the measure

### **SB 1651 SD1** (Rhoads)

#### **RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Requires board packets to be posted three no later than 7:45 a.m. on the third business day before a public meeting. Requires boards to provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings at the time the board packet is made available for public inspection. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

**Update:** House LAB hearing on 3/20/2025 at 9:30am

### **GM 624**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA FAUMUINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE

# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Academics

VII.G. 14

**HB 546 HD1** (Garrett)

### **RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the aloha intelligence institute within the university of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE/LBT passed as an SD1

**SB 1622 SD1** (Kim)

### **RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the Aloha Intelligence Institute within the University of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Failed to meet Triple Referral deadline



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest Funding

VII.G. 15

**SB 1530** (Moriwaki)

## **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Requires the Board of Regents or the President of the University of Hawaii to allocate general funds appropriated to the University of Hawaii to University of Hawaii program IDs in accordance with performance-based outcomes relating to student achievement and degree attainment. Requires the President to submit reports to the Legislature. Requires the President to propose at least three efficiency measures to the Director of Finance to produce a more effective budget.

[Position: Comments](#)

**Update:** House HED deferred the measure

**SB 1624 SD1** (Moriwaki)

## **RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Requires the Board of Regents to expend funds appropriated to renew, improve, or modernize existing University of Hawai'i facilities for only those purposes and not for current, ongoing, or anticipated capital improvement projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

[Position: Oppose](#)

**Update:** House HED deferred the measure



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest Projects/Facilities

VII.G. 16

**HB 548 HD1** (Garrett)

## **RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Referred to Senate HRE/EIG, WAM

**HB 1494 HD3** (Garrett)

## **RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES**

Lapses appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa by the Stadium Authority. Transfers certain special fund moneys earmarked for the development of a new stadium in Halawa to the general fund. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for a new stadium on the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus. Renames the Stadium Authority as the Halawa Redevelopment Authority and the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District. Amends the powers and duties of the Halawa Redevelopment Authority. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)

**Position:** Comments

**Update:** Senate EDT/HRE passed as an SD1



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Personnel/Students

VII.G. 17

### **HB 1320 HD1 SD1 (Garrett)** **RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Requires the University of Hawaii System to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

**Position:** Support

**Update:** Senate HRE passed as an SD1; referred to WAM



# 2025 Select Bills of Interest

## Tuition Waiver/Scholarship

VII.G. 18

**HB 1345 HD1** (Woodson)

### **RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION**

Requires the Board of Regents to grant a waiver on all tuition and mandatory fees to a resident student enrolled in a four-year college campus of the University of Hawaii System with an education program or that offers an education degree for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[Position:](#) [Comments](#)

**Update:** Senate HRE passed as an SD1



# 2025 Select Resolutions of Interest

VII.G. 19

## **SCR 137/SR 154** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION.

**Position:**

**Update:** SR 154 hearing in Senate HRE on 3/20/2025 at 3:01pm

## **SCR 138/SR 155** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**Position:**

**Update:** Senate HRE hearing on 3/20/2025 at 3:01pm

## **SCR 142/SR 160** (Dela Cruz)

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.

**Position:**

**Update:** Senate HRE hearing on 3/20/2025 at 3:01pm



# 2025 Select GMs of Interest Candidate Advisory Council

VII.G. 20

## **GM 551**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, DALE NISHIKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

## **GM 552**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, BLAIR ODO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

## **GM 553**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY HENNESSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

## **GM 554**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, LANCE WILHELM, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

**Update: Referred to Senate HRE**

# Conclusion



# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 22

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB300 HD1	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		WAM	(S)3/18/2025-The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-31-25 10:00AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	NAKAMURA
HB309 HD1	RELATING TO FISHPONDS. Establishes a fishpond inventory working group within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to create an inventory and map of all fishponds on state land and conduct a literature review. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$250000	WTL/HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HRE were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga.	POEPOE
HB442 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii system for various nursing programs. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	GARRETT
HB542 HD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM. Expands the Hawaii promise program to provide scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year university of Hawaii campus who meet certain criteria. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE, WAM.	GARRETT



# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 23

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB546 HD1	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the aloha intelligence institute within the university of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$4000000	HRE/LBT, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-The committee(s) on LBT recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in LBT were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Aquino, Lee, C., Ihara, Moriwaki, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.	GARRETT
HB548 HD1	RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE/EIG, WAM	(S)3/4/2025-Referred to HRE/EIG, WAM.	GARRETT

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 24

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB549 HD3	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)		HRE/EDU, WAM	(S)3/17/2025-The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EDU were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Kim, Hashimoto, Kanuha, DeCorte; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.	GARRETT
HB563 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE. Appropriates funds for salaries and fringe benefits of positions for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy's Space Science and Engineering Initiative Workforce Development Program, Maunakea Scholars Program, and Internship Program. Appropriates funds for office equipment and supplies, operational costs, and stipends for high school and college students. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$650000	HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 25

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB643 HD2	RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM. Establishes short-term management initiatives for the coconut rhinoceros beetle response program. Appropriates funds for activities and positions related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)		HRE/AEN, WAM	(S)3/17/2025-The committee(s) on AEN recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in AEN were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Gabbard, Richards, DeCoite, Rhoads, Awa; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.	MARTEN
HB714 HD1	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce, including health care certificate programs and classroom renovations for health care training in public high schools and education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HHS/EDT, WAM	(S)3/12/2025-The committee(s) on HHS/EDT has scheduled a public hearing on 03-19-25 1:05PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference.	TAKAYAMA

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 26

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB718 HD1	RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine for faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics, and an environmental health and safety officer staff position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$763000	HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HRE were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga.	TAKAYAMA
HB736 HD1	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes and appropriates funds for a three-year new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology testing pilot program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center. Requires interim and final reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE/AEN, WAM	(S)3/17/2025-The committee(s) on AEN recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in AEN were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Gabbard, Richards, DeCoite, Rhoads, Awa; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.	EVSLIN
HB1185 HD2	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Plant-based Building Materials Working Group to study and report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/11/2025-The committee on HRE deferred the measure.	KUSCH

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 27

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB1300 HD1	RELATING TO CANCER. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu. Requires the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to seek federal funding to complete the study. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HRE were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga.	KILA
HB1320 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the University of Hawaii System to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HRE, WAM	(S)3/18/2025-Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	GARRETT

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 28

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
HB1494 HD3	RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES. Lapses appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa by the Stadium Authority. Transfers certain special fund moneys earmarked for the development of a new stadium in Halawa to the general fund. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for a new stadium on the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus. Renames the Stadium Authority as the Halawa Redevelopment Authority and the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District. Amends the powers and duties of the Halawa Redevelopment Authority. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	\$350000000	EDT/HRE, WAM	(S)3/13/2025-The committee(s) on HRE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HRE were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kim, Kidani, Hashimoto; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Fukunaga, Fevella.	GARRETT
SB119 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO NURSING. Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/17/2025-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Pierick voting no (1) and Representative(s) Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, Ward excused (4).	HASHIMOTO
SB637 SD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii System for various nursing programs. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/6/2025-Referred to HED, FIN, referral sheet 19	SAN BUENAVENTURA



# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 29

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB657 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds for the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology within the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish and operate a Center for Climate Resilient Development. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$3000000	WAL, HED, FIN	(H)3/14/2025-Bill scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:00PM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	GABBARD
SB865 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish a permanent extension agent position within the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Kona Cooperative Extension. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$76570	HED, FIN	(H)3/17/2025-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Pierick voting no (1) and Representative(s) Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, Ward excused (4).	KANUHA

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VII.G. 30

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1146 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish graduate assistant positions and for the development of an action plan and pre-engineering concept plan to help with debris management and water quality control in the Ala Wai watershed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	\$125000	HED, WAL, FIN	(H)3/18/2025-The committee on WAL recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Hashem, Lamosao, Belatti, Ichiyama, Iwamoto, Morikawa, Poepoe, Shimizu, Souza; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Woodson.	MORIWAKI
SB1232 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a 3-year New Wastewater Technology Testing Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to test and evaluate new wastewater technology systems. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HED, EEP, FIN	(H)3/18/2025-The committee on EEP recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 4 Ayes: Representative(s) Lowen, Perruso, Kahaloa, Kusch; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Quinlan, Ward.	DELA CRUZ

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 31

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1252 SD2	RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Requires the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to establish a specialized training program to educate health care providers on methods to best care for patients having Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Appropriates funds. (SD2)		HED, FIN	(H)3/14/2025-Bill scheduled for decision making on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:00PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	KIM
SB1502 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student programs, and facilities at the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii, West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		HED, FIN	(H)3/18/2025-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Perruso, Pierick voting no (2) and Representative(s) Cochran, Ward excused (2).	WAKAI

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 32

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1578 SD2 HD1 [monitor only]	RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Establishes the official designation of the East-West Center as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc., and exempts state fund appropriations to the East-West Center from chapter 42F, HRS. Renames the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission and amends its functions and membership. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Expands the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's authority to establish outofstate offices to include out-of-state facilities to support sister-state or province partnerships and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners, generate revenue for the State, and buy property. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)		ECD, FIN	(H)3/18/2025-Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Ward excused (2).	LEE

# Appropriation Bills

VII.G. 33

Bill	Title & Description	Appropriations	Referral	Status	Introducer
SB1585 SD1	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Establishes and implements evidence-based performance metrics for the P-20 Partnerships for Education to allow better evidence-based assessments of the P-20 Partnerships for Education advisory council's workforce and pathway development programs. Requires reports to the Legislature. Authorizes the expenditure of Perkins V federal funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	\$6000000	EDN/HED, FIN	(H)3/18/2025-The committee on HED recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Garrett, Amato, Kapela, Kila, La Chica, Olds, Sayama, Woodson, Muraoka, Souza; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Evslin.	DELA CRUZ
GM4	Letter dated February 18, 2025, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2025-27 Executive Biennium Budget for the operating and capital improvement program budget requests for various departments.			(S)2/19/2025-Filed.	

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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR31	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	CHUN	HR30
SCR203	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH.		S 3/12/2025: Referred to HRE/HHS.	KIM	SR163
HCR32	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT A VIABILITY STUDY OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN HAWAII.		H 3/14/2025: Referred to EEP, HED, referral sheet 22	CHUN	HR31
HCR73	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	WOODSON	HR66
SCR50	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS.	HRE	S 3/17/2025: The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-20-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	HASHIMOTO	SR32



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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR75	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ASSESS THE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE AND CURRICULUM TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY.		H 3/18/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by EDN/HED on Thursday, 03-20-25 2:00PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	ILAGAN	HR67
HCR96	ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	GARRETT	HR92
HCR97	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO IMPLEMENT A HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY AND HOUSING RESOURCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOUSING INSTABILITY.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	GARRETT	HR93
HCR124	ENCOURAGING THE KAWAIHUELANI CENTER FOR HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO FURTHER PROVIDE LEARNING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	HOLT	HR120
HCR125	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PRIORITIZE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT "HALAU O KAWAIHUELANI".		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	HOLT	HR121

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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR162	URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO OFFER STUDENTS FROM CERTAIN PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS A REDUCED TUITION RATE EQUIVALENT TO THE RESIDENT TUITION RATE.		H 3/14/2025: Referred to HED, FIN, referral sheet 22	WARD	HR157
HCR183	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY.		H 3/14/2025: Referred to FIN, referral sheet 22	YAMASHITA	HR178
HCR189	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS TO TEST SEWAGE SLUDGE, RECLAIMED WATER, AND ANY OTHER RESIDUAL MATERIAL FOR THE PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.		H 3/17/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by EEP on Thursday, 03-20-25 10:00AM in conference room 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	LOWEN	HR183
HCR195	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	QUINLAN	HR188
SCR192	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.		S 3/17/2025: The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-20-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	DELA CRUZ	HCR195

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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
HCR196	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.		H 3/14/2025: Resolution scheduled to be heard by HED on Wednesday, 03-19-25 2:15PM in conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	QUINLAN	HR189
SCR193	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE.		S 3/17/2025: The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-20-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	DELA CRUZ	HCR196
SCR89	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO EQUIP INTERESTED STUDENTS WITH THE NECESSARY ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILL SET, EXPERTISE, AND ADVANCEMENT POTENTIAL IN THE FIELD OF MEAT PROCESSING.	AEN/HRE	S 3/11/2025: Referred to AEN/HRE.	RICHARDS	SR72
SCR102	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS TO TEST SEWAGE SLUDGE, RECLAIMED WATER, AND ANY OTHER RESIDUAL MATERIAL FOR THE PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.	HHS/HRE	S 3/11/2025: Referred to HHS/HRE.	GABBARD	HCR189

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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
SCR133	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE CEO-TO-WORKER PAY RATIO IN THE STATE.		S 3/12/2025: Referred to HRE/LBT.	RHOADS	SR112
SCR137	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION.		S 3/12/2025: Referred to HRE, WAM.	DELA CRUZ	SR154
SCR138	REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.		S 3/17/2025: The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-20-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	DELA CRUZ	SR155
SCR142	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.		S 3/17/2025: The committee(s) on HRE has scheduled a public hearing on 03-20-25 3:01PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	DELA CRUZ	SR160
SCR156	REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE USE OF TAXATION AND EMINENT DOMAIN ON THE PRICE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING IN THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE CONCENTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AMONG OWNERS OF VACANT AND SURPLUS HOUSING AND INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR PROPERTY OWNERS.		S 3/12/2025: Referred to HRE/HOU.	RHOADS	SR126

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Reso	Title	Referral	Status	Introducer	Companion
SCR206	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND LAND USE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CHANGES IN LAND USE OR BOUNDARY CHANGES.		S 3/12/2025: Referred to WTL/GVO.	FEVELLA	SR181

# Item VIII.

## Executive Session

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