



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
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by

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SCR 183/SR 148 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW ITS ARRANGEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE  
RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

The University of Hawai'i (UH) would like to thank the Legislature for its interest to help UH improve its services arrangement with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH).

The University of Hawai'i looks forward to working with RCUH to address the points found in the resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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The Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) is currently working with the University of Hawai'i (UH) to address the points of concern in SCR 183 and SR 148. RCUH has been meeting with the representatives of the UH for several weeks to examine the terms and conditions of the existing Internal Agreement and discuss whether amendments are warranted.

The composition of the current working group, however, differs from the proposed task force described in SCR 183 and SR 148. Although RCUH does not object to continuing to work with the UH, in order to achieve a balanced representation and participation by both parties, we therefore respectfully suggest that the task force be comprised of four members appointed by the University and four members appointed by the RCUH, with those eight members jointly appointing the ninth member who shall act as its chairperson.

RCUH also respectfully reiterates and incorporates its prior testimony on SB 1393.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director