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## SB2649 SD2 - RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROJECTS

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure. This bill extends the authorization to encumber University of Hawai'i revenue bonds that were originally issued pursuant to Act 138, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2005.

Act 138, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2005, authorized the issuance of \$100 million in revenue bonds to support student housing at the University of Hawai'i. The proceeds were used to finance the redevelopment of Frear Hall, as well as renovate other student housing improvements. The University has made significant improvements to its housing facilities, and will continue to do so with the passage of this legislation.

The authorization to encumber the revenue bonds ends on June 30, 2010, and the University has approximately \$16.5 million remaining from the \$100 million issuance. This \$16.5 million, which includes interest on the original bond proceeds, will be used to continue planned student housing improvements at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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RE: IN SUPPORT OF SB 2649, SD2

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROJECTS

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and the Committee on Finance

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong, the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council SUPPORTS the passage of <u>SB 2649,SD2</u> that extends the sunset provision in Act 138, relating to providing funding to the University of Hawaiito construct or renovate housing units

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB 2649, SD2.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong Executive Director

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