SB 963 Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Report Title: University of Hawaii; Tuition and Fees Special Fund; Repeal (\$)

Description: Repeals the UH tuition and fees special fund. Lapses moneys to the general fund. Appropriates moneys to UH.

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Package: None

Current Referral: HRE, WAM

Introducer(s): TANIGUCHI



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education February 7, 2013 at 2:45 p.m. by Linda K. Johnsrud Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost University of Hawai'i System

SB 963 - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i respectfully opposes the proposed repeal of the University of Hawai'i tuition and fees special fund and conforming amendments.

Presently, section 304A-2153, HRS, allows the University of Hawai'i to retain all revenues from tuition and fees charged for courses of instruction, which has become a core source of funding for the academic programs of the University of Hawai'i. Without this user-fee revenue, the University's funding would become reliant upon the limited discretionary revenues from the State of Hawaii's general fund, which would not support long-term stability for our academic programs. This long-term stability is important for two reasons.

First, the current methodology of adopting multi-year tuition and fee schedules provides a more predictable revenue stream compared to the annual variances in the general fund. This funding stability permits the University of Hawai'i to more effectively engage in long-term academic planning in support of achieving our multi-year performance goals. Should we lose the stability of the tuition and fees revenue stream, our operations would proceed on a more ad hoc basis subject to the availability of government support.

Second, tuition and fee revenues allow the University of Hawai'i to more quickly respond to such factors as increasing enrollments and rising utility costs. Our ability to reallocate tuition and fee revenues and leverage our two primary funding sources would not be possible with sole reliance on general fund revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 963.

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION ON SENATE BILL NO. 963

February 7, 2013

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Senate Bill No. 963 proposes to repeal the University of Hawaii (UH) Tuition and Fees Special Fund, lapses the special fund balances to the general fund, and appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to UH for FY 14 and FY 15.

While the Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on the policy issue of appropriate funding sources for UH, we offer the following comment. With the limited general funds resources to support the State's various departments and programs, general funds to support higher education could be constrained in the future dependent upon revenues and statewide priorities. Additionally, the ability to meet fluctuations in resource requirements due to projected student enrollments and proposed program expansions may be limited due to limited resource constraints.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Student-funded activities are integral to the experience of college students. They develop leadership skills, provide opportunities to network and meet other students, and provide skills they can utilize in their future pursuits. Many current legislators and politicians participated and thrived in student-funded activities while they were in college such as student government, clubs, and writing for the campus newspaper.

To basically take away or reallocate our funding from student fees is incomprehensible. We need student fees to sustain, grow, and serve students on our campuses. Without 100 percent of those fees, our ability to serve and be a vital part of the college experience is severely hindered.

Reflect back on your college experience and think about how student-funded activities played an important role in your student life.

Sincerely, Stanley Lee Student Publication Adviser Leeward Community College

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Lyle Ueunten	Individual	Oppose	No

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, a student of the University of Hawaii, am submitting this testimony to express my displeasure with the Senate Bill 963 in regards to the University of Hawaii; Tuition and Fees Special Fund; Repeal. I am opposed to the bill and all other bills that would take income from student tuition and other fees and put them into a fund other than the University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund.

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Laura Haack	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elsa Bartolini	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daryll DeMent Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin A Mclaughlin	Individual	Oppose	No

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John T. Strom	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elaine D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators, Surely you can't be serious. Whatever is going on at the Legislature is the problem, not the monies designated to the UH for students to get badly needed funds to go to school. With the introduction of SB 963, it looks like you may have shown your hand. Due to the ineptitude and misappropriations that are rampant with the state you find yourselves having to dip into anything and everything. This is a clear indication of failure on the Governor's and state's duty to oversee fiscal responsibilities. Next we will be hearing that you intend to privatize PUBLIC EDUCATION. Or maybe through the PLDC? That money needs to stay where it is SO THAT IT IS AVAILABLE not diverted to finance some private venture. So, what is going on that you find yourselves having to fleece anything the public has? Will it be young children's lunch money next or have you already taken that? Best bet is for you to KILL this bill and go take some courses at the UH; I think there's some educational backgrounds missing in this state government.

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Zavier Cummings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The government wants Americans to further their educations yet make it impossible financially to do it. If the government wants the young adults to have brighter futures so that their families can live better then they should offer the funds for college with no problems.

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Chazerae maghanoy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Garrity	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jan Darrell Acob	Individual	Oppose	No

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Oriana Huff	Individual	Oppose	No

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair Committee on Higher Education

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Opposition of S.B. 963, Relating to University of Hawaii Tuition and Fee Special Fund

My name is Lyle Amine and I am student at University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Former Student Congress Vice Chair of Kapiolani Community College. In which it was our job to help improve the student life and represent the students of Kapiolani Community College. I am testifying in opposition to S.B. 963, which would allow the State of Hawaii to take the student fee which our student governing board collect to help improve and engage our student population in campus activities and services.

The reason while I am against this S.B.963, is that the State of Hawaii can take our Student fees which is student money meant to use to help students on our campus and improve their campus life. Having to send a "funding proposal" for the money which was collected and intent for students use should be left to the Student governing boards at each of the campus. Having the State of Hawaii justifying our use of our own student fees is unreasonable. Student fees are meant for students and not for whatever the State of Hawaii need to fix or repair. As former Student Congress Vice Chair of Kapiolani Community College for two years I saw our student fee use to better our students life through projects we did to help students such as getting tables for areas on our campus for students to use for studying to promote student engagement. Our funds are also use to help pay for our commencement ceremony each year, to take away our student fee is like taking away our services and commencement away.

Even though the State of Hawaii needs funds to help pay for other things that may need to get repaired or replace it is not the right way to go about it from taking away from the students who expect the fees to be used for students and not the State of Hawaii. I urge the Senate committee of Higher Education to not let S.B. 963, pass and move on to the senate. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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ikaika	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The money collected for student fees should be used for the students.

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 963

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and Representatives of the State Senate Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Bonnyjean Manini. I am a proud product of this 'āina and Hawai'i's public school system. I grew up on the island of Kaua'i and am now a faculty member at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Currently I serve as the elected Chair of the 2012-2013 Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee. This also makes me the Chair of the Mānoa Faculty Senate.

On Monday, February 4th, the Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted in opposition to SB963, introduced by Chair Taniguchi, which seeks to lapse all University of Hawai'i tuition and fees to the state general fund. My colleagues and I ask this committee to oppose this bill.

The remainder of this statement is my own personal testimony. I do not speak on behalf of the University.

The *blunder* of Summer and Fall 2012 keeps playing over and over.... now it seems to be threatening the University through numerous pieces of legislation like the one before us today.

I oppose SB963 because it has the potential to negatively impact our students. This bill allows for the taking of money entrusted to the University of Hawai'i, for an intended purpose, that of tuition and/or a specific fee. With that taking there is no guarantee that the state legislature will ever appropriate these funds back to be used to educate our students, its intended purpose.

Public higher education is a priority in civilized societies because it contributes to the greater good. The investment of public funds in public higher education is a necessity if we hope to continue educating and preparing our young people to contribute to our society in an active and engaged manner. As you know, public funds in this state include a combination of general funds appropriated by the state legislature and special or revenue funds the University earns based on goods and services we employees work to provide. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa needs all the funds that have historically been appropriated through general funds as well as our tuition and fees in order to effectively serve our students.

Tuition and fees paid by students towards their education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is used to enhance the educational environment beyond the general fund appropriation by allowing the campus to invest our student's hard earned money into such things as additional scholarship funds, improving classrooms, improving

technology, improving campus safety, paying increasing utility bills, and improving the overall educational experience for the students.

Let's be transparent and say that the taking of the University's tuition and fees also hurts me, a faculty member. At this time, tuition and fees are also covering some of the cost of faculty salaries since the current general fund appropriations from the legislature does not cover the full cost of our salaries. This is despite the fact that as faculty members we are state employees with a legally binding collective bargaining agreement. As a public employee that works long hours both at the office and at home, often using my own salary to buy resources for my work with students, this makes no sense. On average, I choose to work 14-hour days, 52 weeks a year because I take pride in my work. I do not receive or expect to receive overtime for my long hours. I love my work and give of my personal time freely. Knowing that my state legislators are not willing to cover the cost of my salary with general funds concerns me. Knowing that my campus makes up the difference through tuition dollars that are now being threatened by legislators through SB963 is alarming.

The irony of the *blunder* this past summer as compared to what is happening here today is that the *blunder* was a mistake made by a series of human errors that was caught after the fact. SB963 is a mistake that the members of this committee has the ability to stop before it happens.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this testimony.

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Robert Pierce	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Many school departments set aside partial funds for student events in future fiscal periods, so the accumulated funds cover the full cost of the student event. Please provide a means to hold those funds from one fiscal period to another to allow for the planned student event to occur.

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Kelsey Kabazawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laura Craig	Individual	Oppose	No

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Indhira	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I believe it is not a good idea for the power to control the "student fees" to be given to people who arent part of he school. The system that the schools is following is already good enough. The money that comes from the fees are for the students and the students alone should decide on how it shall be spent. Its also a good way for people to practice their rights. If you take away the money, the student government wont be that much useful if they still have to go through a ring of other people. Leave the money at the schools for them to vote and decide what to do. Its not a good idea to take it away and treat them like a child; thinking that you KNOW whats best. Let them make mistakes, its a school. They'll learn. And also, I'm pretty sure the higher authority has more important things to do and issues to handle than commencement and ice cream socials. Please re consider.

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Angelica Camarillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a student i feel that i have the right to know where my money goes, why it goes to certain places and have control over where i place my money.

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Kiana Kamala	Individual	Oppose	No

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