HR 107 HCR 87 recognize the need and value of watershed forests to the State of Hawaii and request the University of Hawaii to recommend programs and budgetary needs for native forest management, watershed management and forestry/resource management prior to the convening of the 1990 legislature.

Our statement on this resolution does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly concur with the intent of this resolution and agree that protection of watersheds is essential to the continued economy, ecology, and viability of the state. However, we believe that an additional "Whereas" clause should be included to recognize that many programs in native forest, watershed, forestry and resource management already exist at the University of Hawaii.

We further suggest that the first "Be It Resolved" clause be amended to request the University to review and consider their existing programs in native forest management, watershed management, and forestry/resource management in developing their recommendations for appropriate new programs, or the coordination of existing programs, to meet the watershed/resource management needs of the state.