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HB 698 RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL

House Committees on
Energy and Environmental Protection
Water and Land Use Planning

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HB 698 would appropriate funds for implementing a community-based public/private program of management in watersheds feeding the Ala Wai Canal, including monitoring and research activities.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The scope and direction of the proposed watershed management plan emerged from the Ala Wai Improvement Project recently completed. Recommendations and the scope of work were initially presented to the Ala Wai Technical Committee, the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, and the Waikiki Improvement Association by the Watershed Management Plan researchers. The scope of work herein set forth is the result of subsequent discussions and consensus among all parties.

Allocation of the funds was also discussed, and it was recommended that \$100,000 should be spent over two years for coordinated efforts involving the DOH, the Waikiki Improvement Association, and the Waikiki Neighborhood Board. This is the backbone of the community-based management program, and the requested funding is essential for the program's success.

An additional \$50,000 was intended to be used as seed money for the development of proposals for federal funding of additional research and monitoring activities. We fully support both requests.