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### SB 766 RELATING TO ALA WAI CANAL

Senate Committee on  
Planning, Land and Water Use

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SB 766 would appropriate \$500,000 for the design and development of specifications for dredging Ala Wai Canal.

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

The requested funds are for a periodic, recurrent dredging of the Ala Wai Canal which was last undertaken in 1978. This maintenance requirement reflects the underlying purpose of the Canal which is to function as a flood control facility for the protection of adjacent coastal lowlands including Waikiki. To the degree that periodic dredging is required, the canal is also fulfilling one of its design intents, which is the interception of sediments which otherwise would have contaminated coastal ocean waters off Waikiki. The work is necessary and not unexpected, and we feel the funds are appropriate.

We note that the funds requested herein are in no way related to other funding requests which address proposals for implementation of the Ala Wai Improvement project.