MEMORANDUM

TO: M.R.C. Greenwood, President
FROM: Donald O. Straney, Chancellor
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
SUBJECT: Program Change Requests

July 15, 2010

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo proposes three new programs for the 2011-13 biennial budget period and beyond. They are designed to increase our contribution to workforce development in the state and to create capacity to diversify the economy in areas that can employ the enhanced workforce. The programs are:

1) **ILACE Program - Integrating Learning Across the College Experience.** This new program will adapt, institute and integrate best practices for promoting and enhancing student learning into a coherent, consistent and coordinated campus-wide intervention. We will bring to students in all academic programs/majors the benefits of pilot programs and model initiatives that have proven success in (a) helping students learn more effectively, (b) deepening the quality and quantity of student experiences and engagement in a way that meaningfully prepares them for their chosen career, and (c) hastening progress towards degrees.

2) **Increasing Capacity for Research, Extramural Grants and External Partnerships to Promote Economic Development.** UH Hilo proposes to increase resources for faculty and staff to obtain extramural grants and create external partnerships that can benefit the economy of the island and state. To do so, we plan to (a) create an Office of Grants, External Partnerships and Economic Development that will provide long-term, strategic leadership to expand UH Hilo’s research and partnerships and to link these more directly to stimulation of economic development in Hawai‘i; connect faculty and staff with grant and partnership opportunities; provide training and assistance in grant writing; provide administrative support; oversee compliance with federal and state regulations; and coordinate overall grant administration with the Hilo RCUH office; and (b) improve safety in our field and laboratory research areas.

3) **Expanding Degree Programs to North and West Hawai‘i.** UH Hilo proposes to provide workforce development in regions that are currently underserved by UH. To do so, we plan to (a) establish a physical presence in West Hawai‘i; (b) provide degree programs – beginning with the Bachelor of Business Administration – through a combination of distance learning and West Hawai‘i on-site instruction, leveraging 2+2 pathway agreements with Hawai‘i Community College; (c) provide a field supervisor in West Hawai‘i for students in our Secondary Teacher Education Program; (d) increase course offerings at the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC); and (e) provide West Hawai‘i and NHERC with advising and financial aid personnel.

Details of the new programs are presented in the attached Program Change Requests.

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Enclosures