Required Information for All Requests

1) Name of the individual or group that is requesting the space
   Hakipuu Charter School

2) Contact Person’s name, email, and telephone number
   Chancellor Doug Dykstra, dykstra@hawaii.edu, 235-7401

3) Type of space that is needed
   Place to locate Hakipuu charter school temporarily. Request includes offices, classrooms, and other instructional space.

4) Building or space in question
   WCC owned cottages between the Kaneohe District Courthouse and the Law Library Microform Consortium (Hale Awa) building.

5) How the space is currently being used
   Department of Health, Hawaii State Hospital transitional housing. Willing to move out of WCC buildings to accommodate Hakipuu needs.

6) Desired start date (and end date, if applicable)
   July 2010 or later (TBD)

7) Description of how the space will be used
   House Hakipuu Charter School. Hakipuu is currently in Bishop Hall on Hawaii State Hospital land that is planned to be demolished to make way for a Private/Public Long Term Care Facility by the Department of Health.

8) Description of how it may contribute to the learning environment and interests of WCC students
   See justification below

9) Other alternatives that were considered and why those alternatives don't seem to work
   See justification below

10) What other resources may be needed
    See justification below.

11) How the proposal supports or is supported by the Master Plan, the Mission of the College, and the UHCC Strategic Plan
    See justification below.
I am proposing that Hakipu'ū Charter School be allowed to use four cottages located on Windward Community College property across the street from Hale Kuhina. Hakipu’u is desperately searching for a transitional home base while it carries on a campaign to find a site and resources for a permanent campus home base. Allowing Hakipu’u to utilize the cottages became a possibility when the Department of Health agreed to vacate the cottages and re-locate their transitional patients elsewhere if it would help resolve the problem caused by the Department’s eviction of Hakipuu from its current site.

Hakipu’u Charter School has been occupying Bishop Hall for several years on a parcel of land located on the east end of the Great Lawn in such proximity to our campus that one can be forgiven for assuming that it is or should be part of our campus. However it is not and the current administration at the State Department of Health has decided to use this parcel for a public/private partnership with Avalon Health Care to construct a 200+ bed facility for long term elderly patients. A significant portion of the beds would be earmarked for elderly State Hospital patients and the remainder would be open to the general public. Hakipu’u has been evicted to make way for this project and the exact date that the school will have to vacate is currently being negotiated (June 30, 2010 or July 31, 2010 or June 30, 2011 as possibilities).

Whatever date may be fixed Hakipu’u faces a substantial challenge to its continued existence. This charter school has been a good partner to our college particularly as one of the chief sources of Running Start student enrollments. Moreover, their students frequently comprise significant portions of the audience for public presentations at the college particularly for Hawaiian cultural studies-themed events.

State Hospital programs are currently located in the cottages under an existing arrangement with the State that allows the hospital to determine the date when the cottages have become superfluous to their programmatic needs. One of the four cottages is condemned and unfit for human habitation; hence it is scheduled for demolition. However, the largest footprint on the parcel of land in question is occupied by the two-storey Law Library Consortium (Hale Awa) building (formerly a dormitory for the nursing staff) under the terms of a lease signed by President Dobelle running until 2026. Any improvements necessary to meet program needs will be the responsibility of Hakipuu Charter School.

The current long range development plan for Windward Community College calls for the parcel of land in question to be used for a large parking lot, and the college’s Library Learning Center project will begin this process with a small (36 stalls) lot constructed on the only portion of the land not currently leased out. Parking may not be the best use for the remaining space currently occupied by the cottages and the Law Library project, but a formal review of the long range development plan will be required to make a significant planning change and this presumes funding for consultants which can be quite costly. Moreover, Windward Community College can expect to be kept busy for several years with campus development needs identified in the long range development plan on several acres of land on the parcel where Hale A‘o is located.

Whereas our college will be unlikely to need the acreage where the cottages are located in the immediate future, and because the college will have to wait until 2026 to use the space for a large parking lot, or the college will have to review and re-do its long range development plan for any other permanent use of the acreage, therefore I am proposing the use of the space as a transitional site for Hakipuu Charter School as it continues its search for a permanent home.