Three Units

➢ Department of Social Work
➢ Office of Public Health Studies
➢ Center on Aging

The vision of the School is achieving social justice and health equity for the people of Hawai’i and citizens in a changing world.
Two major recommendations from the UHM Budget Team

Recommendation 1: Consider stopping out admissions to the PhD in Social Welfare

Recommendation 2: Stop-out admission to the MS in Public Health
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We believe this is unnecessary

- Steady increase in admissions since AY17—5 new students in Fall 2020
- Total enrollment is above UH Mānoa small program threshold; projecting growth in next three years
- High numbers of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander student
- The faculty are very efficient, needing < 1 FTE per year for instruction
- The School continues to work to expand the program and feels it would be detrimental to students, the School and the social welfare/work field to stop-out admissions at this time
Recommendation 2: Stop-out admission to the MS in Public Health

We believe this is unnecessary and would not free up resources

- The program functions as track in the MPH, with students doing a thesis rather than a practicum
- Does not require any additional teaching assignments
- Serves epidemiology students with aspirations to careers in academia
- Serves as a preparation and recruitment mechanism for the PhD in Epidemiology
- Serves the State in training much needed epidemiology professions
- Can add recruitment efforts for the MS, which has not be a focus
“We need to focus on the positive – the enormous potential of this school as a service provider and an engine for growth at Manoa.” –UHM Budget Team

The School is innovative, highly relevant, and successfully growing

- Social Work & Public Health are two of the fastest growing career areas in the US
- We serve 610 total students—a vital workforce for the pandemic response
- Field internships at over 175 community organizations. Most graduates stay in their communities
- The only MPH specialization in the US dedicated to Native Hawaiian and indigenous health
- External research funding is rapidly growing: $8.5 million in 2020
- Offers fully online Bachelor in Social Work and Master in Social Work; currently developing an online Master in Public Health
- Ready to rename the School to include Public Health, finalizing the 2016 merger and allowing Public Health to be accredited as a school