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Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

This bill increases the general excise tax to supplement funding state education costs.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of this bill and will work with the proposed Education Funding Commission to implement the intent of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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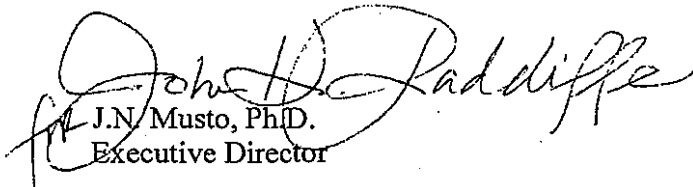
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On behalf of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, our union representing the 3,300 faculty members of the UH System supports the passage of this bill. The proposed bill recognizes the need to create an earmarked funding source that addresses the deteriorated infrastructure and facilities within education as well as addressing other education needs.

Both faculty and students are subjected to hazardous and unsafe learning, teaching, and research conditions. If the UH System wants to attract and maintain the best faculty and students major steps must be taken to overcome the significant facility problems of the institution.

Establishing an ongoing revenue source that starts addressing current problems and be available for future regularly scheduled maintenance and repairs is needed. Increased revenues are the best solution to relieve the severity of facility deterioration. Periodic capital improvement grants are never sufficient and do not allow for the long term planning that is necessary to maintain our facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,


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