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I am testifying in favor of the HCR 58: REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK INTO ITS CURRICULUM.

Today and in the future, it is clear that whatever we experience at the local and national levels affects and is affected by conditions around the world. It is particularly important that our teachers and learn about international affairs and global education in their coursework in the College of Education at UH Manoa in order to pass it on to students P-20. The Education Commission of the States (ECS) now requires comparison of US schools not to other U.S. schools but observe school standards upheld in other countries globally for improving education policy for public education in American schooling. It is critical for Hawaii citizens to understand the values and their responsibilities as global citizens and acquire interdisciplinary knowledge about their relationship to others in the world and the impact they have on the environment (planet).

Currently, students preparing to become teachers or to enter professions where they have an educational influence are not required to know anything which provides them with an international or global perspective at the College of Education or UH. Local students continue to perpetuate a parochialism that is limited in their knowledge about world affairs. This only breeds more prejudice, intolerance, and violence among ethnic groups within Hawaii's schools and puts local students at a great disadvantage by making poor decisions about career choices in their education. They also do not see the critical importance or reasons in the need for them to adopt significant changes in their lifestyle habits or to pass this on to our youth in the existing worldwide movement towards sustainability.

I urge the Committee to support HCR 58 and strengthen it to the status of a bill that would require a global education for every student enrolled in the College of Education.

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