



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 123 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO
DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE
STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

Currently a task force created by Act 188 is in the process of developing an approach to formula funding for the University of Hawai'i, including the community colleges. While still in development, the proposed formula accounts for the differential costs of providing education at the community colleges, the baccalaureate institutions, and UH-Manoa. If implemented, many of the concerns raised in this resolution would be addressed through the formula.

While greatly appreciating the support expressed for the community colleges in this resolution, I would respectfully request that we allow the Act 188 process to move forward before introducing a new process to address the budget concerns.