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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
House Committee on Culture and The Arts
Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 3:30 pm

Testimony in Support of HCR 120/HR 104
Submitted by Amy Agbayani, Phd
Director SEED, UH Manoa

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN ETHNIC STUDIES IN THE ETHNIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA.

Chairs Nishimoto and Wooley, Vice Chairs Nakashima and Belatti and Members.

My name is Amy Agbayani, Director SEED office. I strongly support HCR 120/ HR104 for many reasons. My testimony does not represent the official position of the University of Hawaii but the position of the SEED office. My office seeks to increase the number and success of Native Hawaiians and other underrepresented underserved groups such as Filipinos, African Americans and Samoans; as well as women, gay and lesbian students and students with disabilities. Many of our students enroll in Ethnic Studies courses and would benefit from having a Master's degree in Ethnic Studies.

I have actively supported Ethnic Studies curriculum at UH Manoa since it was established in 1970. Over the decades, this program has been consistent in teaching students about their history and helping them articulate their aspirations for a better Hawai'i. In addition to contributing to academic scholarship, alumni, students and our community benefit from the high quality of research conducted by Ethnic Studies faculty. Manoa students clearly yearn for classes that give an historical understanding of their ethnic heritage and a context for addressing current issues facing our state and nation. The University of Hawaii has a unique responsibility to support an advanced graduate courses and certification in Ethnic Studies because no other institution has the capacity or interest. It is imperative that research about Hawaii's ethnic groups is conducted by Ethnic Studies graduate students and faculty because our students will become better citizens and our history will be inclusive and accurate. I believe, undergraduate and graduate students who take Ethnic Studies courses are given more motivation to successful complete their degrees and become more engaged in community social justice issues.

I know first-hand that our Ethnic Studies faculty has the expertise to offer a Master's degree and that our multi-ethnic students and community will benefit from a graduate level program. I respectfully request you approve HCR120 and HR 104.

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This will be a huge stepping stone to keep graduates from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Ethnic Studies Program home and solidifying the diversity of relationships between each ethnic identity. This program will bring needed understanding for our generations to come.

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Petition for an Ethnic Studies Master's Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

A petition of The Ethnic Studies Student Association (ESSA)

Addressed to Dean Richard Dubanoski, College of Arts and Sciences;

We the undersigned would like to bring your attention to the following problem, with a recommendation:

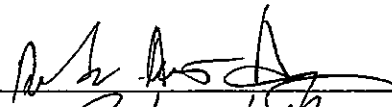
Following the Senate Resolution No. 66 S.D. 1 which proclaimed 2010 as the year of Ethnic Studies in Hawai'i, ESSA has witnessed a demand from the student population for an Ethnic Studies Graduate Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The concepts of race, ethnicity, identity, and other socio-political themes are prevalent and important in the current social environment and we feel that in order to serve the people of Hawai'i, the University of Hawai'i should provide opportunities to expound upon these concepts and themes further. The extension of the Ethnic Studies Department into a higher degree of learning at the graduate level would contribute to a sensitivity of ethnic diversity that can only help enhance the university and this state. Therefore we ask that you please establish an Ethnic Studies Master's Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Agreed upon by the following people:

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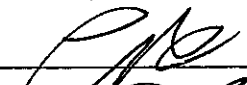
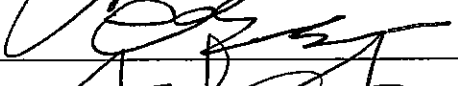

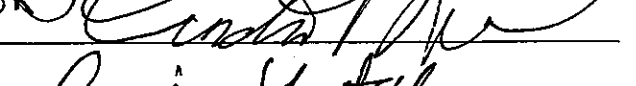
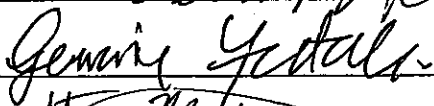
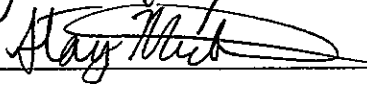

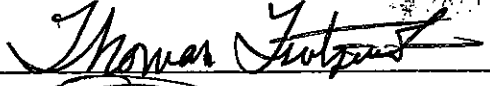

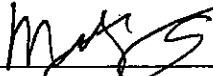

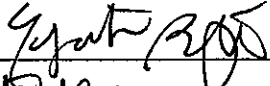


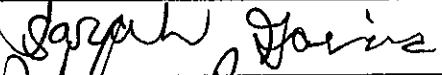
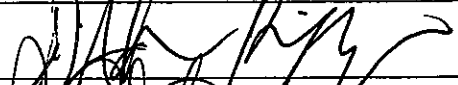

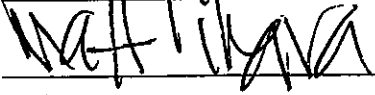

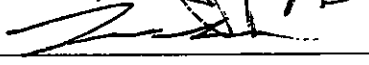
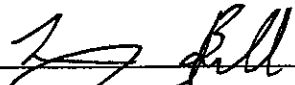


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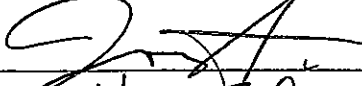
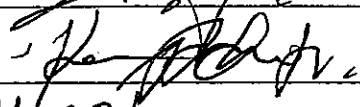
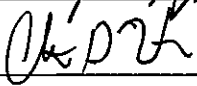

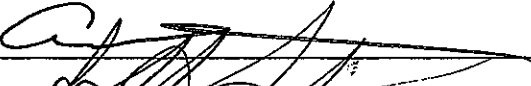


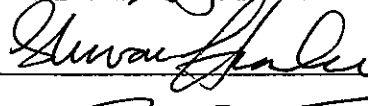



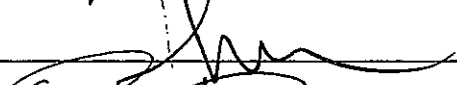
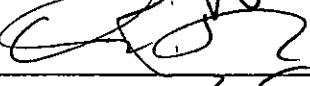

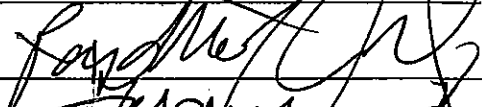
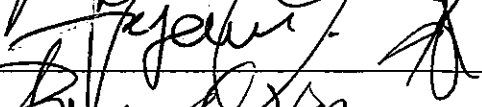
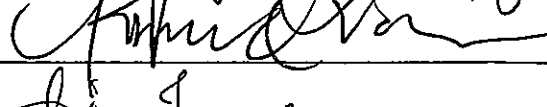
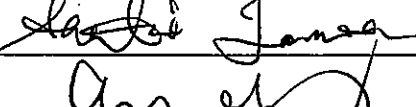

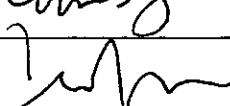
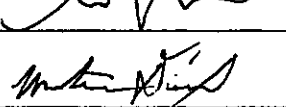
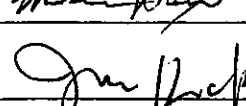
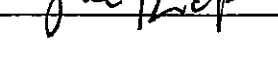
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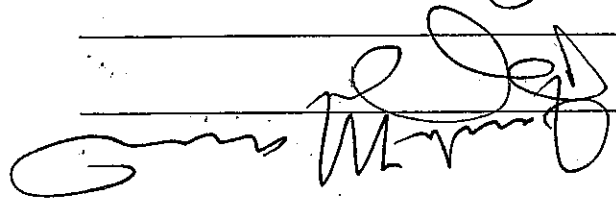
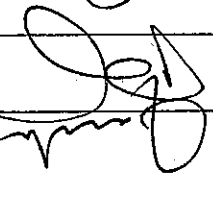





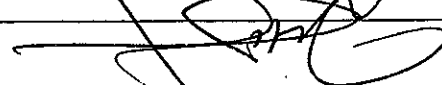
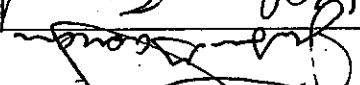
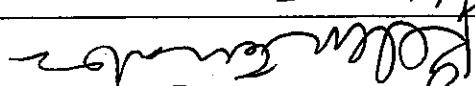
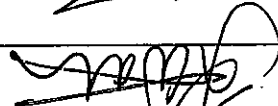
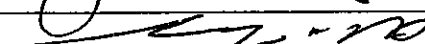
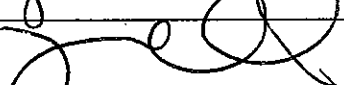


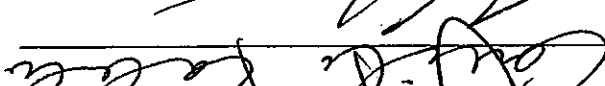
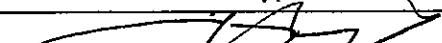

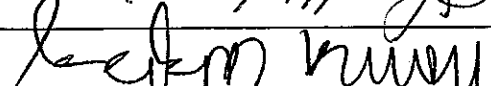
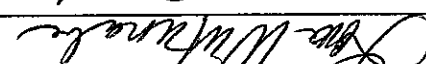
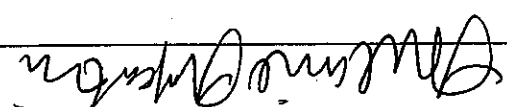
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Name: Jennifer Malaya Ong-Cua on Mar 21, 2011 Comments: I hope that we can build this program soon. I am looking forward to working with all the fantastic professors in the ES Dept. This semester, I am taking Dr. Labrador's Filipino American course and feel so fortunate to have met such an awesome teacher and friend. I look forward to the mentoring I will receive from such a dynamic program, as well as contributing to making the program stronger. Mahalo~ -Jennifer Malaya Ong-Cua	7		
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Name: Lisa Wong-Yamamoto, RNC, BSN on Mar 26, 2011 Comments: Hawaii being the melting pot, it should be the leader of having an Ethnic Studies program to include the Master's and Doctorate levels. Being the Nurse Educator for the Hawaii Cord Blood Bank, over 80% of the cord blood units collected from Hawaii are of multi-ethnic parents. This goes to show that Hawaii is the place where many cultures and ethnic backgrounds can be studied.	45
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