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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of  
2 Hawaii at Manoa's McNair student achievement program provides  
3 students with an intensive, faculty-mentored internship and  
4 education program designed to prepare students for graduate  
5 school. Participants in the program receive personalized  
6 faculty mentoring and other academic services in a culturally  
7 and socially supportive environment. As participants immerse  
8 themselves in research and other scholarly projects, college  
9 becomes not only a path to a graduate or doctoral degree but a  
10 stepping stone to making a vital contribution to their  
11 communities.

12           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support  
13 the University of Hawaii at Manoa's McNair student achievement  
14 program and establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
15 positions to oversee and administer the program.

16           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to support



# H.B. NO. 1744

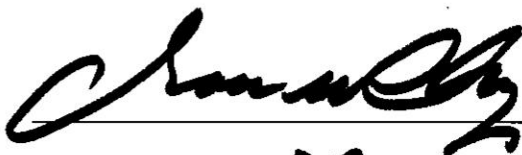
1 the University of Hawaii at Manoa's McNair student achievement  
2 program and to establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
3 positions within the University of Hawaii at Manoa to oversee  
4 and administer the program.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
6 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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# H.B. NO. 1744

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; McNair Student Achievement Program;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii to support the University of Hawaii at Manoa's McNair Student Achievement Program and establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions to oversee and administer the program.

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# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 2:15 pm

by

Dr. Amy Agbayani  
Director, Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 1744 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, Aloha! Please accept this written testimony in strong support of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Since the inception of the McNair program at UHM, our Scholars have conducted research both intra and extramurally and are currently pursuing doctoral degrees with the hope of becoming Hawaii's future educators and leaders, particularly in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). It is my firm belief that the McNair program plays a key role in the preparation of these leaders, most who come from local households throughout the State of Hawai'i, and therefore represent the fabric of Hawaii's promising youth.

We are committed to the vitality of the McNair Program on our campus and making the continuation of this program a budgetary priority.



## Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

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### RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, MCNAIR STUDENT

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Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, Aloha!

My name is Paul P. Richards elected President of Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA) a state not-for-profit organization whose sole purpose, *“supports all Hawaiian Homestead community organizations in Hawai'i by strengthening their capacity building and discovering opportunities towards self governance through education, training and exploration.”* Our organization was founded several years ago as an alternative and option for Hawaiian homestead community associations serving as a resource and providing information and training opportunities in leadership development. As our guiding quotation above states, *“self-governance through education, training and exploration”* are the common practices we put into place and encourage our fellow constituents to those opportunities. We have selected not to create or form any



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formal membership roster, payments, dues or fees, but do encourage discussions, forums, workshops and conferences.

As our first conference held in 2013 focused on Community Development and Financing with focus on accessing “New Market Tax Credit” (NMTC) strategies. Working in partnership with other well organized entities we were able to educate ourselves and completed the first NMTC on Hawaiian home lands christened, *Community Technology, Education and Employment Center* or CTEEC.

Although our focus is primarily on the Native Hawaiians and its surrounding communities we firmly believe in serving the entire State while drawing on the “diversity” and “strength” in making our unique and special way of life, business and industry stronger day by day.

However, our inter-relationship with other states, nations and cultures has morphed our existence onto a “global playing field” making competition an economic necessity and in most cases, the “driving force.” Our populations are attracted to out-of-state destinations because of educational opportunities coupled with attractive programs and services. In more cases, they leave our State to obtain their post-baccalaureate and even doctoral degrees and do not return because the relationship or support was *never generated from Hawaii* unless family or an attractive job offer is made.

We have witnessed the number of youth and young adults who remained, studied and graduated with an undergraduate degree stay put in the State yet those who were called upon to lead the research or scientific projects ranging from STEM, marine biology, to aerospace technology are or were from out-of-state or foreign countries. Sadly, our local universities, both public and private compete with larger and stronger universities on the continent whose alumni using their educational attainment created COSTCO, NIKE, Google and so forth with the help of supportive programs whose models focuses on developing a workforce base of highly skilled, professionals fostering creativity will forge opportunities for our State.

For this purpose, please accept this testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa which encourages and provides assistance to undergraduate students to pursue a post-baccalaureate and doctoral degree. As a supporter of the program the monetary assistance awarded to each student from the passage of this bill will allow them to further their research while developing our local workforce with professional and highly skilled individuals.





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In our homestead communities we have dealt with the “brain drain” of our talented young adults and their families relocating to the mainland often without the post-secondary education, but had attained certification in their field of labor. Each were able to continue with their livelihood on the mainland, but those whose post-baccalaureate and doctoral degrees returned back to Hawaii when opportunities presented themselves and their desire to “give back to the community” was stronger than ever. The McNair Student Achievement Program is modeled after the McNair Program offered through the USDOE and we were saddened when UHM along with other notable universities nationwide are victims to the budget cuts under the Bush Administration. We have met several doctoral achievers from the McNair program in Washington, D.C. of whom had remained or returned back to their home states bringing with them their knowledge, intellect and creativity furthering and motivating existing and new industries. We want to replicate this trend in Hawaii. It will take time, but this investment will need to be done not only for the first, but many more years for us to catch up and to take the leading position.

We anticipate the trend of other elite universities and those especially on the East Coast to increase as their younger population moves towards the West, but we remain firm in the belief that our State will prepare now and through the next decade or two whereby our workforce development will be a result of the McNair Student Achievement Program toward improving the quality of life standards.

We humbly ask for your support of HB No.1744 and its initial funding with hopes towards extending beyond it to continually support, sustain and increase the benefits to the State of Hawaii now and into the future. Mahalo.

Paul P. Richards  
President

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Josiah “Uncle Black” Ho’ohuli  
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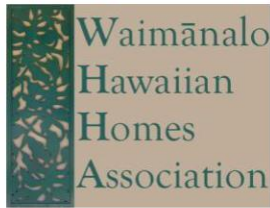
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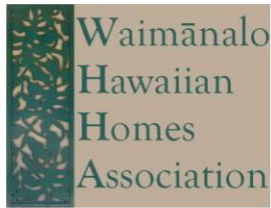
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Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, Aloha!

My name is Paul P. Richards a resident of Waimānalo and President of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) or Association. I am writing this testimony as an individual and as the official spokesperson for WHHA. The Association embraces within its Bylaws the values which the initial founders understood and practiced as the core beliefs which included quality of life, support for and protection of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended, the right to practice religion and their practices, but more importantly “education” as a strong pillar of success.

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Paul P. Richards, President • N. Kilauea Wilson, Vice President • Moana Akana, Secretary  
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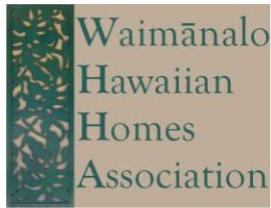
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In 2013, Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since it founding in 1938 with the awarding of its first lessees. We have witnessed the strength of attaining an education beyond secondary and even post-secondary level which increased our homesteader's quality of life, strengthened our families both economically and holistically, but improved our overall community vitality and problem resolution skills.

For this purpose, please accept this testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa which encourages and provides assistance to undergraduate students to pursue a post-baccalaureate and doctoral degree. As a supporter of the program the monetary assistance awarded to each student from the passage of this bill will allow them to further their research while developing our local workforce with professional and highly skilled individuals.

The two full-time positions is a long-term goal which will help to encourage and establish programs and research while helping to reinforce the expansion of existing and creating new local industries on each island from agricultural, aerospace, marine sciences and technologies. Currently, post-secondary students are attracted to out-of-state universities and colleges whose offering includes post-baccalaureate opportunities and doctoral assistance in fields of studies or industries. We are witnessing aggressive recruitment of our local high academic performing students by East Coast universities and more of our average and even lower performing academic students to smaller community and city colleges offering full-ride athletic scholarships. We anticipate this trend to increase and continue through the next decade or two whereby their workforce development efforts will increase their quality of life standards.





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We humbly ask for your support of HB No.1744 and that its initial funding will be extended beyond to support, sustain and increase the benefits to the State of Hawaii now and into the future. Mahalo.

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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). As a first-generation college UHM graduate, I was able to navigate college with the help of a similar program like the McNair Student Achievement Program. The program, through faculty mentorship, instilled collectivist values and fostered an ethnically diverse cultural space for research, which ultimately enabled several of my peers and I to earn STEM Bachelor's degrees. Currently, I am continuing my education and applying for Higher Education Doctoral Programs. The McNair Student Achievement Program is critical to building the higher education capital of the State of Hawai'i. In this 21<sup>st</sup>-Century global economy, our state needs the best and brightest educational talent to research and create innovations for the betterment of our communities and the local economy; as well as, remaining globally competitive.

Former students who were given the opportunity through the Ronald E. McNair Program which this proposal is modeled after are pursuing their research, work with the hopes of

returning back to Hawai'i to begin contributing to local research, discoveries and ultimately, benefitting the economy and workforce. I ask for your support and encouragement for future students to remain or return back to help our state and especially our communities succeed in this century and the centuries to come.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call upon me. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tasha Kawamata Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tasha Kawamata Ryan  
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The McNair program is an invaluable benefit to the community of Hawaii and especially to the students of Hawaii. I know that the McNair program helped me get to where I am today. I am a third year PhD student at the University of California, Riverside. I study the ability of butterflyfish metabolize coral toxins. I am looking to graduate June 2015 with my PhD. I hope to become a professor and teach at the University of Hawaii some day. The McNair program allowed me to gain the research experience I needed to get into graduate school and the financial support to do it. McNair not only gave me the opportunity to do research all summer but also gave me the tools I needed to apply to graduate school and become the first person in my family to attended higher degree education. McNair program at the University of Hawaii is much more than a program it's a family. The staff goes above and beyond to help you in anyway they can and cares about each and every student as if we were their children. The McNair program is an

amazing assent to the University of Hawaii and it would be a wrong to cut funding to this program. I am just on of the many students they have helped and I am so grateful this program was there to help me attend graduate school.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

*Aileen Maldonado*

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I am a graduate of the University of Hawaii and hold a doctoral degree in Astrophysics. From my personal experience I know the value of an academic intervention program that encourages under-privileged students to be the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree. The McNair program at UH Manoa is outstanding for finding, mentoring, and training such students so that they may go on to earn graduate degrees.

If I were not supported and encouraged in this way I would not have made my contributions on the state and national levels that I did in the STEM field when so few women were represented, as recognized by the UH Distinguished Alumni Award of 1990.

I am very familiar with the motivated students, the dedicated staff, and the successes of the UH McNair Student Achievement Program. They are evident in the year-round seminars stressing ethical conduct, teamwork, and service learning.

It is vital for our state to continue this program not only this year but continuously in the years ahead. We will be well-rewarded by the achievements and contributions of the graduates of this program.

Please give H.B. 1744 your fullest support. Thank you.



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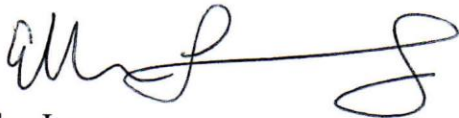
Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. My name is Ellen Leung, a resident of Salt Lake and a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. During my last two years at UH, I have participated in the Ronald E. McNair Student Achievement program (McNair). Currently, I am working in order to finance my goal of pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree with the hopes of working towards a doctoral degree. Without the McNair program and the support of its mentors, I would not have acquired the valuable experiences that I would have needed to obtain a job right after college and the confidence to pursue a higher education.

The McNair Program enables financially-disadvantaged and minority students to strengthen their research abilities and leadership skills through various activities such as summer internships and volunteer work. I am the first to graduate college in my immediate family and McNair has opened up so many opportunities for me. The program has helped me find internships at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and also with the State Department of Health – helping me connect with people and

organizations that I might not have been able to come into contact with on my own. The program also enabled me and other fellow students to present our research projects at national conferences, where we are able to network with researchers and other professionals in various STEM fields such as biomedical and behavioral sciences. In addition, with the McNair program, I was able to meet and build strong, supportive friendships with such a diverse group of students studying so many different fields, from Native Hawaiian studies to Electrical Engineering. We all have the same goal of working to attain a higher education in order to better serve our families and our communities.

I humbly ask for your support for the continuation of the McNair Student Achievement Program. It has provided past and current student cohorts with the support and the tools to strive for a post-baccalaureate degree and the skills to be competitive in the workforce. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call upon me or my fellow students and we'd be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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Ellen Leung

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doctoral candidates in universities across the nation and in Turkey, Columbia, Germany, Morocco and Australia. This program not only changes the lives of our students but influences their family members and their communities. Many of our scholars return to their original university thus further diversifying the professoriate, which is the goal of the McNair Grant. This program is so important and there is only the one McNair Grant at University of Hawai'i, at Mānoa to serve the all of the Hawaiian Islands. If you need any further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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I am writing this testimony as a student who has directly benefited from the McNair student achievement program. Prior to being accepted into the McNair program, I had no desire to attend graduate school, nor did I know anything about it. Now, a mere 8 months later, not only am I looking forward to attending graduate school, but I am becoming more comfortable with the idea of striving for my Ph.D, which is something I had never even taken into consideration before. The 3 day McNair graduate school boot camp that we attended this past summer at San Jose State University exposed me to the mysterious world of graduate school, and encouraged me that I have what it takes to strive for higher education.

The McNair program funded me to carry out my own research project this past summer. I spent 3 months working full time at Kewalo Marine Laboratory, under the mentorship of Dr.

Robert Richmond. My research explored the effects of a degraded watershed on the health of coral reefs. The hands on experience gained through this internship helped me to realize that research in a professional setting is something that I, an underrepresented first generation college student, am more than capable of doing. In addition to the knowledge and experience, the network of professional colleges and mentors I now have will undoubtedly help me to accomplish my new found goals.

Being born and raised on O‘ahu, Hawai‘i, I am well aware of the socio-economic problems the people of Hawai‘i face, as well as the deterioration our ‘āina is currently enduring. Using the tools the McNair program has given me, I am certain I am able to be a part of the change I wish to see happen here in Hawai‘i nei. It’s through the McNair program that I have gained the confidence in myself, not only as a student, but as a person who is capable of achieving so much more than I ever thought possible.

I am in *strong support* of H.B. No. 1744, and humbly ask for your support of a bill which will perpetuate a program that has, and will continue to create and empower future warriors of Hawai‘i.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call upon me or my fellow students and we’d be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, Aloha!

Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

My name is Daniel Inafuku, and I am currently a fourth-year undergraduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am a physics and mathematics double major and expect to graduate in the Spring 2015 semester. After graduation, I plan to attend graduate school and pursue my doctoral degree in mathematical physics.

I participated in the McNair Student Achievement Program during the months from May through August of 2013 and conducted physics research under the supervision of Dr. Eric Szarmes in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at UH. Under his auspices, I worked on a research project for eight weeks, ultimately culminating in poster and oral presentations that I have presented three times: at UH, the 2013 Ronald E. McNair Heartland Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, and the 2013 Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in

Science (SACNAS) National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Travel funds for these conferences were funded by the McNair Program, and the presentations of my research has greatly contributed to my ability to communicate science to both the public and the scientific community.

During my time as a McNair Scholar, I have gained skills that I am convinced I would not have been able to obtain were it not for this great program. Through it I have been exposed to the ways and methodologies of research and a vast scientific network at the national level, things that I am sure will prove invaluable to me as a future scientist.

This program brings together the best and brightest students from various disciplines and provides them the opportunities to achieve great things in science. I am writing this testimony in recognition and support of the McNair Student Achievement Program and humbly ask that you consider its continuation and funding for the future.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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Aloha Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members

**Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of HB No. 1744 relating to the Mcnair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.**

My name is Edmar Castillo, a resident from the Kalihi district. I am an alumnus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Additionally, I am a proud alumnus of the McNair Student Achievement Program of Hawaii. I support this bill because the program has inspired me to pursue a post-baccalaureate degree with the goal of working towards a doctoral degree. I hope to attain a doctoral degree so that I may become a valuable “asset” to Hawaii.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call upon me or my fellow students and we’d be more than happy to assist you.

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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am a professor of chemistry at UH Manoa and have proudly mentored two McNair students. One of my students, a Native Hawaiian, graduated last year and is currently pursuing a PhD in chemistry at UH Manoa. What is unique about the McNair Program is the quality of mentoring provided to students. I know firsthand the need for mentoring. I grew up in low income neighborhoods of Honolulu as the child of uneducated immigrants. I understand the disadvantages of coming from such environments: lack of resources, family guidance, and role models. The McNair Program provides our disadvantaged young people with the support, structure, and resources to succeed.

Investing in the McNair Program is an investment in our future. Dedicated support serves our Native Hawaiian and other underrepresented minority communities. It is also an investment in economic growth by training future leaders in science and technology. I grew up here – I teach

here. I KNOW our young people have the potential to succeed in science. Prove me right with your support!

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call me and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

The McNair Student Achievement Program provides students with important tools that are necessary to further their education. I am currently a first year Master's student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in a field where women are significantly underrepresented: planetary science. I also attended UH Mānoa, earning a B.S. in Geology and Geophysics in May of 2013. During my first year of my undergraduate studies, I attended the very first McNair scholars class meeting at UH. At the time, I was interested in graduate school, but I never thought that I was capable of all of the hard work that pursuing graduate school would require. The McNair program funded me during the summers of 2010 through 2012 to work on a research project with the Coastal Geology Group at UH, in which I evaluated Hawai'i's chronically eroding beaches. The McNair program also helped me present my research at conferences, prepare for the Graduate Record Examinations, and complete the process of

applying to graduate schools. More importantly, the McNair program motivated me to further my education in the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) fields.

Not only did I get accepted to graduate school, but I was also selected for a competitive NASA internship at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, TX. My recent work in planetary science as a NASA intern and UH graduate student has important implications for future space exploration. It is because of the research experience and ambition that the McNair program provided me with that I reached these accomplishments.

Supporting the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa will provide underrepresented students in Hawai'i the opportunity to attain graduate degrees and make significant contributions to science and their communities.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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RE: HB1744**

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members,

I submit this testimony as an individual to express my strong support for the HB1744 to support the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As a local student born and raised in Hawai'i and being an underrepresented student in science and a first generation college graduate, I was fortunate enough to participate in a similar program that provided a mentored research experience and financial support for college. The experience provided me the knowledge and confidence I needed to continue as a graduate student at UH, where I pursued my Masters degree in Zoology. After going on to complete my Ph.D. in marine population genetics at the University of California at Berkeley, I am proud to say I now hold a faculty position at UH's Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB).

The mentorship I had as an undergraduate had a significant impact on my life, both personally and professionally. Despite my lifelong interest in science, I truly believe that I would not have even pursued a scientific research career if I had not been part of such a program. The experience gave me not only the hands on research experience I needed, but gave me that 'leg up' to succeed in this competitive field of study and demanding career track. More importantly, it gave me the confidence that local kids like myself so often lack, but truly need, in order to pursue careers in science and research. Today, I am a proud mentor of students in marine science that participate in the UHM McNair Program, and I can personally attest to the transformative impacts these experiences are having on the students.

Today as a faculty member at HIMB, much of my time is dedicated to creating pathways for local students into marine science studies and career tracks, a pursuit that is in many ways modeled after my own experiences as an undergraduate. There is still much work to be done in closing the gap for Hawai'i's underrepresented students in the science and math fields, and programs such as McNair are crucial to this endeavor. I truly hope that this critically important program continues for the University of Hawai'i, and for our island students.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malia Rivera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M".

Malia Rivera, Ph.D.



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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH-Manoa). I mentored a McNair Scholar in my research laboratory at the UH-Manoa from Summer 2011 through Spring 2013. My mentee had a difficult family background, and she was the first in her family to attend college. The opportunities she received as a McNair Scholar have set her on a successful trajectory towards graduate education in the health sciences. While working in my laboratory, she developed technical research skills that she would not have developed in the typical classroom setting. She worked side-by-side with my graduate students, to get a feel for the expectations of graduate level research. In addition to planning and executing her research projects, she presented her work at the annual McNair Scholars showcase at UH-Manoa and traveled twice to the US Mainland to present her work at region McNair Scholars Conferences. We co-authored a peer-reviewed publication describing the outcome of one of her studies. The

training and opportunities she received would have been impossible without the McNair Student Achievement Program.

Her presence in my research group had a profound impact on myself and my graduate students. Because of her gratitude for being a McNair Scholar, we all became more aware of how fortunate we are to be pursuing higher education and academic work. She instilled enthusiasm in the group that has yet to be replicated by my other students. My involvement with the McNair Student Achievement Program has allowed me to develop my own mentoring abilities. I strongly support the continuation of the McNair Student Achievement Program. This program is a benefit to the McNair Scholars, faculty mentors, and the University.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the  
McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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January 28, 2014

Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair  
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Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
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Dear Representatives Choy and Ichiyama:

As President of the Council for Opportunity in Education, which represents 1,000 institutions of higher education and community agencies that provide educational support programs to assist low-income, first-generation students, I write to express my strongest support for the passage of H.B. 1744. This bill proposes to provide funding to support the ongoing work of the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa during Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Formerly, the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa was funded by the U.S. Department of Education. As one of the Federal TRIO Programs, the McNair Program encourages and prepares low-income and minority students for postgraduate study and to pursue careers in academia. Since 1986, the McNair program has provided research opportunities and faculty mentoring that has helped approximately 2,500 alumni achieve doctoral degrees and earn places in the academy.

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts at the federal level, the program at the University of Hawaii was forced to close its doors last year. As a result, there are no longer any programs that provide support for postgraduate study for low-income, first-generation, and/or underrepresented students in the Pacific region of our country. This is a true shame as the evidence is clear that the McNair program is effective. In recent years, 95% of McNair students completed bachelor's degrees and more than half (53%) enrolled in programs of graduate study.

Due to their personal dedication and commitment, the former staff members of the McNair Student Achievement Program have not allowed the spark ignited within their students to die out. It is my hope that through passing H.B. 1744 – and, perhaps, subsequent funding legislation – the Hawaii Legislature will allow these embers to continue to burn brightly, lighting a pathway towards postsecondary achievement and postgraduate success for Hawaii's students.

Sincerely,

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Maureen Hoyler  
President

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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program (MSAP) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). The MSAP has helped me tremendously to pursue graduate studies. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at UHM in spring 2012, and I am currently a second-year doctoral student at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

My goal after obtaining my doctoral degree I hope to return to Hawaii and become a faculty member at an institution to begin contributing to the local research, discoveries and contributing to the economy and workforce. I ask for your support of the MSP at UHM for more underrepresented students to have the opportunities and resources to pursue graduate studies; if we can have more local people in Hawaii with doctoral degrees, it can perpetuate the success of our state and the communities in it.



Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



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Aloha mai kākou,

Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of **H.B. 1744** relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I am a current graduate student attending University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, with the hopes of working towards a doctoral degree. During my undergraduate program in Hawaiian Studies I was nurtured and propelled forward as a participant of UH's McNair Student Achievement Program.

As a non-traditional Native Hawaiian student, dislocated worker and single parent, I have struggled to remain in school as I support my family. McNair came into my life at a time that was very difficult. Believing in my passion to research alternative health and wellness programs for our Native Hawaiian communities, the caring staff gave me the academic and emotional support to complete my BA and enter into graduate school.

The McNair Program offered financial support through internship programs. This internship program was crucial in supporting my research and allowing me to continue with school as I met my financial obligations. The McNair Program's staff continues to

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support my research as a graduate student, entitled the “Waihona Lā‘au Lapa‘au” a Hawaiian Herbal Medicine Cabinet, focusing on the propagation, conservation and accessibility of our Hawaiian medicinal plants.

This program is vital for underrepresented students at UH and for those who are the first in their families to enter college.

I ask for your support for H.B. 174, should you have any questions or concerns regarding HB No. 1744 or its companion SB No. 2506, please feel free to call upon me or my fellow students and we’d be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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The McNair program supports the propagation of important knowledge throughout the community that would otherwise be loss in many ways. I am currently a first year PhD student and to my knowledge, the only Native Hawaiian pursuing a graduate degree in Chemistry in the UH system. I have a BS in Chemistry from Chapman University in Orange, CA and a second BS in Biology from University of Hawai'i at Manoa. What should have taken four years to garner the needed support to enter graduate school, unfortunately took ten. The McNair Scholars Program affords underprivileged scholars the opportunity to escape the so-called 'catch 22' of lab entry. The competition for research funding in the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) field infers the need for experienced candidates, and therefore inexperienced candidates have little to no chance of joining a lab. As a UH Manoa undergraduate, I was fortunate to be funded by the McNair program in Spring 2012 that allowed

me to join Dr. Ho Leung Ng's lab. The Ng Lab specialized in the production of cancer proteins for structural studies. Within a year I had presented my research at the UH Cancer Center's Intercultural Cancer Symposium, and at the McNair Claremont Graduate Conference. My research experience has allowed for me to mentor high school students around the state, giving them exposure to the sciences. More importantly, it has allowed for mine and my colleague's greater understanding of a number of cancer target proteins, which I know will benefit not only the STEM community, but the community at-large.

Support for the McNair Scholars Program is a testament for striving for the very best in Hawai'i's education system, and encouraging the pursuit of knowledge that can only be attained with a graduate degree.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As the program coordinator for the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the past four years, I have had the opportunity to work directly with students and have witnessed first-hand the impact that a program like this can have on a student both in academics and in life. Many of our students enter the program academically talented, but do not possess the life skills and tools to adequately prepare for the challenges of the graduate school application process as well as graduate school. The McNair Student Achievement Program fills this gap by offering each student access to many resources and services that would otherwise be unavailable to them without entry into the program. One of the most valuable services offered to our students is a weekly seminar taught each academic semester. In my experience over 80% of our students have difficulty with personal statement writing, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparation, the graduate school application process, and the financial aid process. These are all

areas addressed in the weekly seminar and are essential services that we provide to our students that directly impact their opportunity for a graduate education. Without these services, our students would be at an acute disadvantage for graduate school access and would continue in the cycle that plagued their academic journey prior to entering the program.

Aside from some of the tangible services offered in the weekly seminar, the seminar also provides some intangible services as well. It provides a safe place for our students to discuss difficulties in school, and in life; it gives our students a sounding board for their hopes and dreams for the future. They find that several of the obstacles they face are experienced by fellow program participants and feel a sense of community. It is just one of many places in the program that our students learn collaboration, networking, and other life skills.

After four years of working directly with our students, I have witnessed the transformation of students who graduated with their bachelor's degrees and continued on to graduate schools here at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and throughout the country. It is my belief that most of our students who made the successful leap from undergraduate to graduate education would not have done so without having been a McNair Scholar in the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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Comments: Chair and members of the committee: I am in full support of the UH McNair program at UH Manoa. As one of the former coordinators of the program I am impressed how the support mechanisms of the McNair program provide underrepresented students the ability to thrive and complete their studies in STEM. As you know, our state and the country as a whole is in dire need of a workforce that is competent in the fields of science, math, engineering and technology. We depend on these sciences to create healthier lives, a civil society that provides clean water,air ,and of course dear to all of us -- taking care of our waste products -- need I say that we in the state of Hawaii are grateful that we can flush our toilets! We have engineers to thank for that! The connection here, is that science drives a civilized lifestyle and we need to develop a workforce that can continue to provide all the necessities that make our lives work. The technology advances that we so depend on is supported by the minds of these students that look into the future. We need to grow our young people in these areas and we need to offer them the support so that they can continue to develop into a stellar STEM workforce. The McNair Program is worthy of your support and they have provided the mentorship that students need as they explore the opportunities before them. I highly encourage that you support HB 1744. Thank you for your consideration.

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Through the Ronald E. McNair Program, I was able to participate various workshops and activities to enhance my writing and communication skills, and I was advised by experts in education and research. More importantly, I was encouraged to take part in researches, study state-of-the-art technologies, and strive for excellence in academics. I was a student Marshall in the School of Engineering at Manoa, and the most Outstanding Graduating Senior in the Electrical Engineering Department. I am currently a Ph.D student and Research Assistant at the Center of Data Analytics and Biomedical Informatics at Temple University, in which I am working on creating computational model for personalized septic patient therapy. After obtaining

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Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, as a Professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, having supervised and mentored 3 McNair Research Scholars, I can say without doubt that funding the **McNair Student Achievement Program has great impact on these students.**

The three McNair Research Scholars I have had the privilege in mentoring have been a highlight in my 'young' professional career; two are now in PhD. programs (UC-Davis and UC-San Diego) – with my final McNair Scholar presently going through the PhD. selection/interview process for **invited** PhD. positions in mainland universities (Yale, Pittsburgh and Washington). Two of these students undertook Masters Degrees in my laboratory – without access to the McNair Program as an undergraduate 'primer', none of this would have been a reality for them. This impact is real and pays real dividends.

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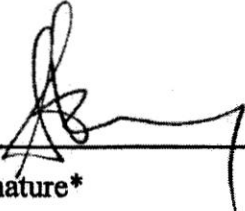
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Aloha, my name is Akamu Jaber, and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to be able to voice my opinion on a matter that may determine and benefit my future commitment toward a college degree. I am a current student at the University of Hawaii in Manoa undertaking a major in marine biology. I decided on this field of study because I have a compassion for the ocean and the abundance of life that thrive in these magnificent, yet very different ecosystems.

The McNair scholarship program helped me in many ways, more than I could address at this time. I entered college determined to obtain one goal, become a marine biologist. Although when I started, I had no clue onto how I would accomplish this dream. Taking all and any classes related to this field was a must for me. As I started college, I worked hard to be the top of all

my classes and also receiving my M.O.P (Marine Option Program) certificate in 2012. (An equivalent to Associates in Marine Science)

Then, later finding out about the McNair program by my mentor (Malia Rivera). I didn't know it at the time, but this program will be one of the greatest stepping stones that I will take in my educational career.

Being an underrepresented and Hawaiian ancestral student is tough, with many obstacles that I have to face in my educational career. Yet, because of attending this program, it opened many doors and made it easier for me to focus on my career goals as a marine biologist.

I am currently working on an independent study on data collection of spawning *Tripnustes gratilla* (collector urchin). I plan to keep up this research for as long as this information is needed, even possibly using the data as my own research topic for my undergrad work. Please keep this wonderful program afloat, not just for me but for the future leaders and researchers, that may possibly be the next Albert Einstein.

Don't take away this opportunity for greatness, but give us this option, so that we may reach our maximum potential. Again, thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and once again,

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL**

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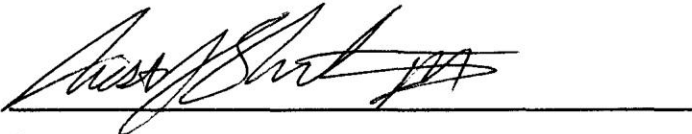
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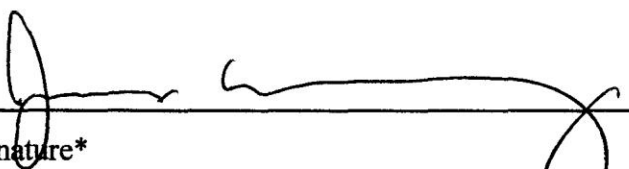
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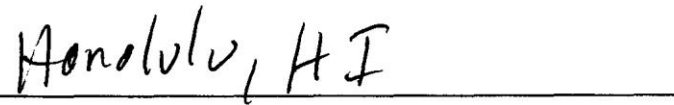
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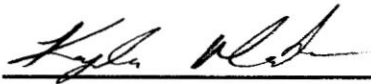
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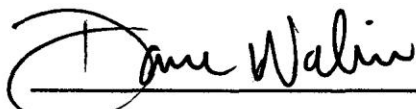
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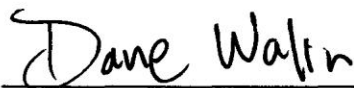
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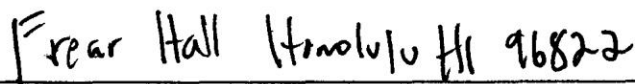
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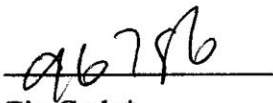
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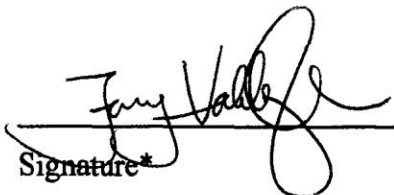
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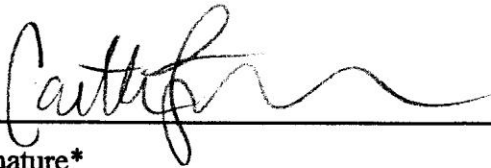
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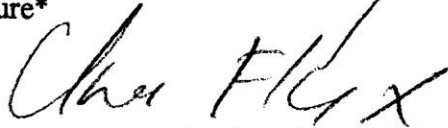
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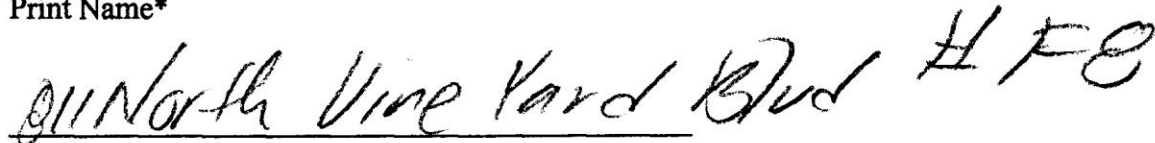
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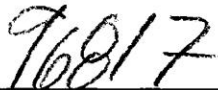
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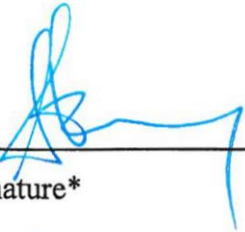
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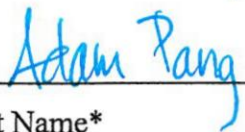


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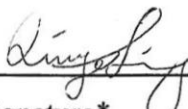
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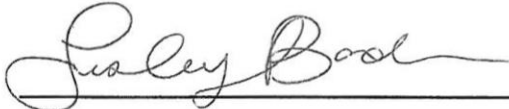
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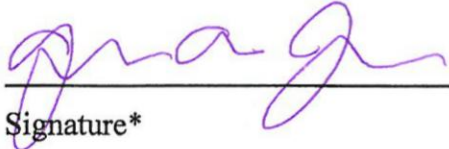
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Dear Honorable Chair Issac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama and Committee Members:

My name is Karl Cubangbang. I am a third year student at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. I am born and raised in Kalihi. I am the first to go to college in my family. My mother works as a nurse's aide at Kaiser Permanente. My father works as a cook at the Pagoda Restaurant. Through their sacrifice and their meager incomes, I have been blessed with the opportunity to attend college.

Given that, please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. High tuition costs and a lack of academic support in college discourage students to continuing their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Many students look towards support programs for financial and academic assistance throughout their college careers. I find programs such as the McNair Student Achievement Program valuable in equipping students with the tools needed to strive for higher education. We ask for your support and encouragement in funding for students in this program in their pursuit to achieving their professional aspirations.

Thank you for championing minorities and underrepresented students in higher education. Your investment in us today will pay off tomorrow. We are committed to be good stewards of Hawaii's diverse people and economy.

Sincerely,

Karl Cubangbang

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As original author of the McNair grant awarded to the University of Hawaii, I also directed the program since 2009. The program was designed after the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences MARC U\*STAR model that actually works. I attribute three (3) major components for its success to: 1) scholars are required to engage in faculty mentored research internships, 2) scholars are required to take a for-credit seminar during the academic year, and 3) preparation for and travel to mainland venues to attend undergraduate symposia where scholars



will present their work, interface with other scientists, engage with graduate school recruiters, and gain self-mastery over the skills that are not taken for granted, such as public speaking and conference professionalism.

McNair Scholars throughout the Nation have returned to their communities to give back after accomplishing doctoral degrees. The efficacy of this program has been evident since its inception in 1989. UH McNair Scholars, both former and present intend no different. They need the continued support and nurturance to best position them where they can “be at the table,” ready and competitive for gaining leadership roles throughout our island communities. Through a long-term educational investment this program can address the upward pipeline in education with the potential to thrive beyond Manoa through the creation of future “bridges” to address the needs of students from UH-Hilo and West O’ahu.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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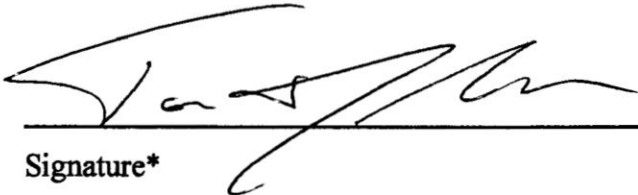
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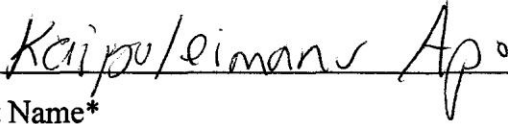
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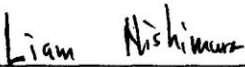
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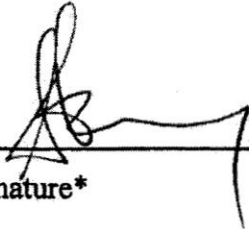
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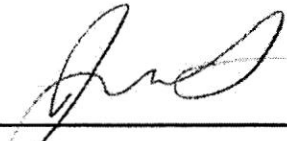
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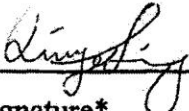
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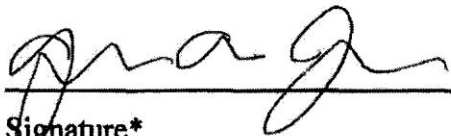
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From: Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, AANCART Hawai'i Principal Investigator  
Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training  
UH Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity, 2600 Campus Rd. QLCSS Rm. 413, Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Cuaresma, Principal Investigator for the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (AANCART), which is a Community Network Program of the National Cancer Institute. AANCART was established to reduce cancer health disparities among Asian Americans through research, education and training. AANCART Hawai'i is an integral part of a consortium of universities through sub-awards from parent institution University of California-Davis Cancer Center.

AANCART mentors McNair scholars to gain experience in the field of translational research, utilizing community-based participatory research. This cutting edge field of research is a pivotal, lifesaving alternative, because the National Institute of Health found that it takes an average of 17 years for only 14% of bench research results to reach the bedside of patients with evidence-based healthcare practices. But in spite of that small return from a long term investment, Filipinos, Native Hawaiians, and other vulnerable populations were still not benefitting equally from medical advances, as they disproportionately bear some of the greatest cancer burdens in the nation. Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that while heart disease is the greatest killer in the U.S., for Asians, cancer is the number one cause of death. We also know today that the cost of prohibitive catastrophic illnesses can be mitigated with prevention, education and early detection.

Given that, significant inroads are being made to engage UH McNair scholars in both bench and community research. Because Hawai'i has the largest percentage of Asians in the country, and many of the McNair scholars come from the same cultural and linguistic heritage of the communities at greatest risk for health disparities in Hawai'i, their research is groundbreaking. You will be proud to know that UH McNair scholars, who are first generation college students, and from marginal backgrounds, are demonstrating that they are our nation's greatest assets to add to the body of knowledge and pertinent health practices that will reduce the suffering and cost of health care for families, businesses, and work force of Hawai'i, touted as the "Healthy State".

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for considering the merits of institutionalizing this results-oriented student service program in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, AANCART Hawai'i Principal Investigator





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From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, Founder and President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support for these bills. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

NAMI truly believes in this model McNair Student Achievement Program. Our nurses have served as mentors to students in community participatory research to address cancer disparities in the Filipino community. Filipinos have the highest death rate due to cancer in the nation among Asian Americans. Programs such as these are worthy to institutionalize in the University of Hawai'i budget. Unlike the high visibility of a sports program, what we see and value in the community is a win-win prospect to invest in the McNair Program of emerging young leaders, the first generation in their family to go to college, underrepresented, minority, low income, and brimming with passion to turn around health disparities for a stronger, healthier, more productive Hawai'i.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to provide our full community support to ensure that the mission of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is bolstered by institutionalizing the McNair Student Achievement Program. Your kind consideration for the passage of this bill is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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would always reply with the answer, “a scientist”. That answer always made her so happy. Looking back, I wonder, why did I say *scientist*? At a very young age, I really had no clue as to what that meant, to grow up and become, *a scientist*, pioneers of knowledge, the movers and shakers of mankind. It still puzzles me to this day as to why I ever gave her that answer.

Fast forward to present day, and here I am, an International Baccalaureate and Honors graduate of James Campbell High School, a Mechanical Engineering student, and an aspiring deliverer of knowledge and it is evident why I gave that answer. The McNair Program shed light on my own potential and what I am truly capable of. Through this program I was able to establish lasting relationships with fellow researchers at many universities across the US by attending research conferences such as the 2013 SACNAS National Conference in San Antonio, TX where thousands of young aspiring researchers convened, understand the process and what it takes to tackle Graduate School from a recognized career expert by the name of Donald Asher at San Jose State University, and conduct quality research here at our very own University of Hawaii Cancer Research Center lending a helping hand in the fight against cancer through the lab of Dr. James Turkson an inspirational man whose research is driven by the loss of his mother from cancer and who himself overcame adversity growing up in his native country of Ghana in Africa. This program allows people like me to realize how important I am in society in spite of adversity. I feel that it is important for this program to exist because I believe people like me have a lot to bring to the table, but because of circumstances such as lack of income, lack of a family support system, lack of knowledge, or even all of the above, is missing. All of these needs can be met through the sustainment of the McNair program and thus produce role models and continue the pipeline for underrepresented people in the State of Hawaii. This upcoming summer I may have the opportunity to conduct research internationally in Bangkok, Thailand or Cameroon, Africa. I am also looking forward to presenting in further research conferences such as the 2014 SACNAS National Conference to be held in Los Angeles, CA this year. In all, none of this for me would have been possible without the direct help of the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa which carries the heart and spirit of the person it’s named after, the late Ronald E. McNair.

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From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I am very proud to strongly support this bill. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

Deepest appreciation for hearing this bill to support the McNair Student Achievement Program at UH Mānoa. The track record of the McNair scholars, who are first to go to college in their families, low income, underrepresented, or from minority groups is impressive and hopeful for Hawai'i's strong future. These students from diverse backgrounds are already making significant contributions in the fields of science, technology, engineering, math, public health, nursing and more.

Thank you for the opportunity for the Filipino American Citizen's League to speak up to support our youth in a sound and practical program that will pay off exponentially to keep Hawai'i's economic engine running with our students, who are our greatest resources.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



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From: Helena Manzano, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Helena Manzano, vice president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. **The Coalition strongly supports this bill.** Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

I see firsthand the importance of institutionalizing this exceptional McNair Student Achievement Program within the University of Hawai'i. As a social worker by training, I have mentored myriad social work graduate students, who now work and contribute positively to the toughest fields of social services that address the harmful impacts of disparities in our communities such as domestic violence, mental illness, homelessness, alcoholism, truancy, unemployment, and much more. Likewise, the McNair program staff and their notable UH faculty mentors are essential to champion the best hearts and minds of Hawai'i's students, who come from the humblest beginnings to emerge as exceptional and dedicated leaders in their respective fields for the benefit of all of Hawai'i.

Therefore, it is important to retain the McNair Program in the University of Hawai'i. In so doing, this bill will go a long way to uplift our marginalized families and their children to contribute even more as good stewards for a vibrant economy and stronger communities in Hawai'i's civil society.

The Coalition extends our gratitude to you for hearing this important bill and for allowing us to provide our steadfast support to you to invest in this successful McNair Student Achievement Program.

Respectfully,

Helena Manzano, MSW, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

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Aloha,

There's a Hawaiian proverb that a fisherman  
of shallow seas uses only a short line,  
a fisherman of the deep sea uses a longline.

This basically means you'll reach only as  
far as you can & prepare yourself to reach

The McNair program <sup>allows us</sup> ~~use~~ students  
to reach as far as we can and <sup>help</sup> prepares  
ourselves to ~~reach~~ cast our line deep.

There is always talk of raising the  
next generation of leaders however w/o adequate  
programs & resource to help us students,  
raise up to reach our goals we cannot  
fully strive to raise up the future of  
Hawaii.

The McNair program strives to help  
minority students to raise to our cutting

For you folks to cut our fishing lines  
while we <sup>are</sup> reaching to become the next  
leaders of Hawaii is like not watering  
a plant so it'll never fully be able to

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grow to its potential. So I want to challenge you folks to be committed to raise the next generation by providing us the adequate resources & programs for us to grow to our Full potential.

I challenge you folks to allow the McNair program to continue in raising up the future leaders of the world.

Thank you.

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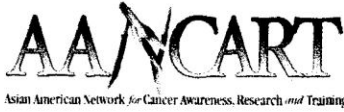
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Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Cuaresma, Principal Investigator for the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (AANCART), which is a Community Network Program of the National Cancer Institute. AANCART was established to reduce cancer health disparities among Asian Americans through research, education and training. AANCART Hawai'i is an integral part of a consortium of universities through sub-awards from parent institution University of California-Davis Cancer Center.

AANCART mentors McNair scholars to gain experience in the field of translational research, utilizing community-based participatory research. This cutting edge field of research is a pivotal, lifesaving alternative, because the National Institute of Health found that it takes an average of 17 years for only 14% of bench research results to reach the bedside of patients with evidence-based healthcare practices. But in spite of that small return from a long term investment, Filipinos, Native Hawaiians, and other vulnerable populations were still not benefitting equally from medical advances, as they disproportionately bear some of the greatest cancer burdens in the nation. Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that while heart disease is the greatest killer in the U.S., for Asians, cancer is the number one cause of death. We also know today that the cost of prohibitive catastrophic illnesses can be mitigated with prevention, education and early detection.

Given that, significant inroads are being made to engage UH McNair scholars in both bench and community research. Because Hawai'i has the largest percentage of Asians in the country, and many of the McNair scholars come from the same cultural and linguistic heritage of the communities at greatest risk for health disparities in Hawai'i, their research is groundbreaking. You will be proud to know that UH McNair scholars, who are first generation college students, and from marginal backgrounds, are demonstrating that they are our nation's greatest assets to add to the body of knowledge and pertinent health practices that will reduce the suffering and cost of health care for families, businesses, and work force of Hawai'i, touted as the "Healthy State".

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for considering the merits of institutionalizing this results-oriented student service program in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, AANCART Hawai'i Principal Investigator





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### **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1744**

House Committee on Higher Education

Jan. 30, 2014, 2:15 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 309

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To: Honorable Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair and Honorable Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
Honorable Committee Members: Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Rep. Karen Awana, Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Rep. Takashi Ohno, Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say, Rep. K. Mark Takai, Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Rep. Richard Lee Fale, Rep. Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, Founder and President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support for these bills. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

NAMI truly believes in this model McNair Student Achievement Program. Our nurses have served as mentors to students in community participatory research to address cancer disparities in the Filipino community. Filipinos have the highest death rate due to cancer in the nation among Asian Americans. Programs such as these are worthy to institutionalize in the University of Hawai'i budget. Unlike the high visibility of a sports program, what we see and value in the community is a win-win prospect to invest in the McNair Program of emerging young leaders, the first generation in their family to go to college, underrepresented, minority, low income, and brimming with passion to turn around health disparities for a stronger, healthier, more productive Hawai'i.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to provide our full community support to ensure that the mission of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is bolstered by institutionalizing the McNair Student Achievement Program. Your kind consideration for the passage of this bill is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA, President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

would always reply with the answer, “a scientist”. That answer always made her so happy. Looking back, I wonder, why did I say *scientist*? At a very young age, I really had no clue as to what that meant, to grow up and become, *a scientist*, pioneers of knowledge, the movers and shakers of mankind. It still puzzles me to this day as to why I ever gave her that answer.

Fast forward to present day, and here I am, an International Baccalaureate and Honors graduate of James Campbell High School, a Mechanical Engineering student, and an aspiring deliverer of knowledge and it is evident why I gave that answer. The McNair Program shed light on my own potential and what I am truly capable of. Through this program I was able to establish lasting relationships with fellow researchers at many universities across the US by attending research conferences such as the 2013 SACNAS National Conference in San Antonio, TX where thousands of young aspiring researchers convened, understand the process and what it takes to tackle Graduate School from a recognized career expert by the name of Donald Asher at San Jose State University, and conduct quality research here at our very own University of Hawaii Cancer Research Center lending a helping hand in the fight against cancer through the lab of Dr. James Turkson an inspirational man whose research is driven by the loss of his mother from cancer and who himself overcame adversity growing up in his native country of Ghana in Africa. This program allows people like me to realize how important I am in society in spite of adversity. I feel that it is important for this program to exist because I believe people like me have a lot to bring to the table, but because of circumstances such as lack of income, lack of a family support system, lack of knowledge, or even all of the above, is missing. All of these needs can be met through the sustainment of the McNair program and thus produce role models and continue the pipeline for underrepresented people in the State of Hawaii. This upcoming summer I may have the opportunity to conduct research internationally in Bangkok, Thailand or Cameroon, Africa. I am also looking forward to presenting in further research conferences such as the 2014 SACNAS National Conference to be held in Los Angeles, CA this year. In all, none of this for me would have been possible without the direct help of the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa which carries the heart and spirit of the person it’s named after, the late Ronald E. McNair.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I am very proud to strongly support this bill. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

Deepest appreciation for hearing this bill to support the McNair Student Achievement Program at UH Mānoa. The track record of the McNair scholars, who are first to go to college in their families, low income, underrepresented, or from minority groups is impressive and hopeful for Hawai'i's strong future. These students from diverse backgrounds are already making significant contributions in the fields of science, technology, engineering, math, public health, nursing and more.

Thank you for the opportunity for the Filipino American Citizen's League to speak up to support our youth in a sound and practical program that will pay off exponentially to keep Hawai'i's economic engine running with our students, who are our greatest resources.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



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From: Helena Manzano, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Helena Manzano, vice president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. **The Coalition strongly supports this bill.** Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

I see firsthand the importance of institutionalizing this exceptional McNair Student Achievement Program within the University of Hawai'i. As a social worker by training, I have mentored myriad social work graduate students, who now work and contribute positively to the toughest fields of social services that address the harmful impacts of disparities in our communities such as domestic violence, mental illness, homelessness, alcoholism, truancy, unemployment, and much more. Likewise, the McNair program staff and their notable UH faculty mentors are essential to champion the best hearts and minds of Hawai'i's students, who come from the humblest beginnings to emerge as exceptional and dedicated leaders in their respective fields for the benefit of all of Hawai'i.

Therefore, it is important to retain the McNair Program in the University of Hawai'i. In so doing, this bill will go a long way to uplift our marginalized families and their children to contribute even more as good stewards for a vibrant economy and stronger communities in Hawai'i's civil society.

The Coalition extends our gratitude to you for hearing this important bill and for allowing us to provide our steadfast support to you to invest in this successful McNair Student Achievement Program.

Respectfully,

Helena Manzano, MSW, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



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Aloha,

There's a Hawaiian proverb that a fisherman of shallow seas uses only a short line, a fisherman of the deep sea uses a long line.

This basically means you'll reach only as far as you can & prepare yourself to reach

The McNair program <sup>allows us</sup> ~~to~~ students to reach as far as we can and <sup>help</sup> prepares oneself to reach. Cast our line deep.

There is always talk of raising the next generation of leaders however w/o adequate programs & resource to help us students, raise up to reach our goals we cannot fully strive to raise up the future of Hawaii.

The McNair program strives to help minority students to raise to our cutting.

For you folks to cut our fishing lines while we <sup>are</sup> reaching to become the next leaders of Hawaii is like not watering a plant so it'll never fully be able to

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grow to its potential. So I want to  
challenge you folks to be  
committed to raise the next  
generation by providing us the  
adequate resources & programs for  
us to grow to our Full potential.

I challenge you folks to allow the  
McWair program to continue in  
raising up the future leaders of  
the world.

Thank you.

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