

SB 2906

Testimony

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Report Title: University of Hawaii; Appropriation; Student Employees (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to pay student employees at new or expanded worksites on each campus.

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, February 06, 2014 at 2:45p.m., Conference Room 414
by
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SB 2906 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

SB 2906 appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i to pay student employees at new or expanded worksites on each of the campuses.

The University of Hawai'i System supports the intent of SB 2906. On campus employment for college students benefit both the students and the campuses on which they are employed. For students, employment provides funds needed to cover rising college costs and affords opportunities to learn critical workforce and life skills as they matriculate and learn. For the college campuses, on campus student employees serve as a talented workforce, performing a myriad of critical functions that enable each campus to meet the needs that members of the campus community bring with them.

Additionally, national research findings show that students who work on campus perform better academically than those who work off-campus. They also persist towards graduation at higher rates. The University of Hawai'i System recognizes that it is in its best interest to have our students work with us, and for us, in order to improve their persistence towards degree completion.

In summary, the University of Hawai'i System welcomes the support offered by SB 2906 provided that this support does not adversely affect the University's priorities as articulated in its budget request. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2906.



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Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i

YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Testimony Submitted Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 6, 2014 at 2:45 p.m.

by

Richard Mizusawa, President
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
101st Senate

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Richard Mizusawa and I serve as President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH), the undergraduate student government representing over 14,000+ full-time, classified undergraduates at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). I have served my fellow constituency for the past two years as Senate President, but have served now for four years ever since the start of my undergraduate years within the ASUH. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve in this capacity to learn, grow, and represent the undergraduates to enhance student life on campus until this day. Today, I submit testimony in support of SB 2906, which appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i to pay student employees at new or expanded worksites on each campus.

Appropriating funds to the university to pay student employees is beneficial for our institution as well as the students. By having more opportunities for students to have part-time employment on campus, this retains students to stay on campus rather than finding part-time work off campus, taking time away from student life in their college years.

It is also convenient for students who live both on and off campus to work at their home institutions. Students who live in the residence halls can have the convenience of working where they get their education, and students who commute or live off campus can work in between classes during breaks, before, or after classes without worrying about traveling elsewhere to work a job.

Additionally, having these funds would allow for students to pay for their tuition fees, living expenses, and other finances that college students go through. As an advocate for the betterment of student life at UH, having this being introduced shows me the commitment that our state elected leaders have to higher education in Hawai'i, and the commitment in ensuring our students are given the opportunity to learn, grow, and gain experience at their campus through campus student employment.

I also am in support of the clause that states: “Funding priority may be given to students employed for university programs supporting access, retention, and diversity over other student employees.” This clause does not mandate priority to these types of university programs, but emphasizes a focus on these issues that affect students in higher education today. Employing students who will help to focus on access, retention, and diversity of students is crucial to student success in the long term of our university.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my testimony and for your support and leadership in ensuring you each play a role in enhancing higher education right here in the state of Hawai‘i.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a student at the university of hawaii at manoa and I support this bill not only to help support myself but my peers who are also students that are working independently to support themselves.

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Christina Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a student, I understand how difficult it is to juggle school and a job. It is really helpful that schools have jobs that we can apply for. It helps us financially, as well as to become more involved in the school. if you take away jobs, you take both of these away from the students.

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February 5, 2014

Re: SB 2906

I support of the intent of Sentate Bill 2906 to fund more student workers in the University of Hawaii system.

We see the value of this program as a family who is helping to support a University of Hawaii at Manoa student who is studying to be a social worker. Luckily this student has a job with Travel Industry Management for 20 hours a week providing her with money to help pay for living expenses like food and supplies. Working on Campus allows this student to earn a partial living that doesn't take up too much of her studying time. Furthermore, as a student who resides in Kuliouou, transportation is an issue. Luckily she is able to commute to school. It really makes a difference with her grades that she goes to school where she works her grades are above average. In the beginning of last semester she was working at clothing store in the middle of Waikiki till late at night. She could not handle this schedule and didn't have to endure working off campus for very long.

Thank you for considering passing this bill. It benefits both the students, university and the families of students.

Best Regards,

Melinda Healani Sonoda-Pale

Personal Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 6, 2014 at 2:45 PM

by

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Vice Chancellor for Students, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

SB 2906– RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII—STUDENT
EMPLOYMENT

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

Students at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa can benefit greatly by being employed on the campus because they can earn money and adjust their work hours to fit their academic schedule. In addition these students will acquire job skills that will benefit them as they join our workforce or lead our economic growth. Finally, our students have many skills that can be used to benefit those that they serve. Whether it be tutoring in a subject that they have mastered or using their multi-lingual and multi-cultural skills to assist someone in need, our students are prepared to be of service.

We are currently using the one-year funding of last year's legislation to hire students to help us recruit more Hawai'i students to attend UH, to help students apply for financial aid, and to help students do well in their courses. This student employment bill helps students fund their education and acquire necessary employment skills.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa supports the intent of the bill provided it does not adversely affect our UH priorities as set in our budget request.

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jeremykt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2906. As a student, I have reaped numerous benefits from working on campus. It is convenient and the schedule is flexible, which allows me to focus on my education. Most importantly, as a travel industry management (TIM) student that works in the TIM School, I have been able to network with my professors, the administration, as well as my fellow students. These connections have introduced me to job/internship opportunities, as well as opportunities to be more active and involved in the TIM School, which have in turn developed my leadership skills. This networking opportunity has been invaluable to me, and I would not have made the connections that I have if I did not have this on-campus job.

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Lono Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I currently work on-campus at UH Manoa. I believe that increasing the funds for student employees would be sensible and beneficial to individuals like myself.

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