

# SB 326

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# Testimony

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Report Title:	University of Hawaii; Asian Americans; Pacific Islanders; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates moneys to SEED at the University of Hawaii to fund faculty, graduate assistant, and student employee (2.5 FTE) positions to conduct and disseminate research relating to Asian American and Pacific Islander students in higher education, and to provide direct services to undergraduate and graduate students interested in diversity careers relating to student affairs and higher education.
Companion:	
Package:	None
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**Strong Support for SB326**  
**Committee on Higher Education and the Arts**  
February 3, 2015  
Hawai'i State Capitol

To: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and members of committee

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Subject: Testimony in strong support of SB326

My name is Geryll Anthony A. Agno, a prospective graduate of Leeward Community College with an Associate's of Arts in Liberal Arts degree by the end of this semester, spring 2015. Upon completing my time in the community college, I plan to pursue a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

I am supporting this bill as a concerned civilian and member of the Asian-American community in Hawaii, specifically the Filipino Community.

It is well-known to people working in higher education and student affairs that the Filipinos are underrepresented in the higher education institutions in the state.

We have guesses for the reason behind this fact but I would like to know the actual reason, proven by extensive research to why this is happening and what could the Filipinos, the community, the university system, and/or the state do about it.

I am hoping that if this bill gets approved, it will help the qualified people get the answers that we seek, and is the reason why I am giving my full support to it.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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