



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HB 1639 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the general intent of HB 1639 on the condition that the bill is amended so that the Maui College culinary program would be expanded to West Maui rather than relocated. The Maui College culinary program has provided culinary training for the entire Maui community for many years, so relocating the entire program to West Maui would be burdensome for students who do not live in the Lahaina area. It should also be noted that this undertaking would require a substantial investment in facilities, equipment and staff to be viable.

The UH Community Colleges is in concurrence with the general intent of the bill and supports its passage on the condition that any requested funds do not supplant any portion of the University's Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 1639.