



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 1886 HD1 – RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

HB 1886 HD1 establishes a temporary, five-year Senior Citizen Higher Education Access Pilot Program at the University of Hawai'i systemwide.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of HB 1886 HD1 and its concern for senior citizens' health and pursuit of continuing education or second careers. The measure proposes a senior citizens access pilot program at UH that allows individuals aged sixty years or older to take courses with reduced or free if taken for credit or non-credit.

Currently, seven of the 10 University of Hawai'i campuses have a senior citizen visitor program. Procedures and availability of spaces in classes are determined by each campus. A senior citizen access pilot program for five years across the UH system will entail the other three campuses adopting the best practices from the other seven. The funding identified in the bill will assist greatly with the planning and implementation efforts to implement the program at these campuses. We will need to consult with faculty, campus leaders, and other constituents to assess capacity and community interest in particular subjects. As a System pilot, we will need to examine policy requirements with the UH Board of Regents such as tuition policy, student support services, student data and records, and statutory matters such as Title IX.

The University would support the appropriation of funds contained in this bill, provided that such funding does not come at the expense of funding priorities set by the UH Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 22, 2018
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Conference Room 308

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Re: H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, Relating to Senior Citizens

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Morikawa, and Members of both Committees,

My name is Kerry M. Komatsubara and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii supports H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, which establishes a temporary, five-year Senior Citizen Higher Education Access Pilot Program at the University of Hawaii systemwide.

AARP Hawaii also supports the original focus of H.B. No 1886 which was for a pilot program for the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1.



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cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a senior citizen in Hawai'i, I very much appreciate the opportunities for continued growth and learning. Having taken a class at UH Mānoa, I can tell you it is extremely beneficial.

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Randolph Hack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Conference Room 308

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Re: HB 1886 SD1 Relating to Senior Citizens

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Morikawa, and Committee Members:

My name is Randolph Hack and I am kupuna and an Advocacy Volunteer for AARP. I strongly support HB 1886 HD1 which establishes a temporary five year Senior Citizen Higher Education Access Pilot Program at the University of Hawaii systemwide.

I have personally benefited from this program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa known as the Senior Visitor Program. This enabled me to audit undergraduate classes free of charge as an adult over 60. This enriched my education as well as the students'. I was welcomed to the class by the professor.

I also support the original intent of HB 1886 which was for a pilot program for seniors at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1886 HD1.

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Marc Delorme	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Iboshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Charlene Iboshi. I am involved with many civic groups whose mission is to help our community, including the elders and youth. The University Of Hawaii College system, including the community colleges, provides information and "tools" for those who want to make a difference in the world. More importantly, access to the institutions of higher learning provide the "gathering places" for the exchange of ideas and the promotion of intergenerational respect.

Any concerns about effectiveness of the program for seniors being on campus could be addressed by having seniors pay a nominal fee for administrative costs for tracking and an agreement to contribute 10 hours of community service using the knowledge learned.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Charlene Iboshi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy agbayani	Filipina Advocacy Network FAN	Support	No

Comments:

I respectfully request you vote for 1886, hd.1.

Mahalo plenty. Amy Agbayani, Filipina Advocacy Network