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Statement of
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Thursday, February 15, 2018
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 429

in consideration of

HB 2604, HD1
RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HB2604, HD1, which appropriates monies to the University of Hawaii to implement international college experiences for Hawaii students, as long as it does not replace or impact the Administration's priorities.

DBEDT will be pleased to work with the University of Hawaii on this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
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By
Donald O. Straney, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy
University of Hawai'i System

HB 2604 HD1 – RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2604 HD1 that appropriates funds to be expended by the University of Hawai'i (UH) in collaboration with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to fund programs organized or sponsored by University of Hawai'i (UH) community colleges or a four-year campus to implement international college experiences for Hawai'i students enrolled at UH.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the language of HB 2604 HD1, recognizing the value of international educational opportunities for Hawai'i's students. Education abroad programs have been acknowledged to contribute to students' success and preparation. HB 2604 HD1 notes Hawai'i's strong heritage ties to the Asia-Pacific, and studying abroad in these countries exposes students to the vibrant economies and cultures of the region, a benefit to the state. Furthermore, funding for study abroad programs would encourage student participation, and potentially diversify the kinds of students who are able to participate.

Study abroad programs at UH are currently organized at the campus level, and systemwide we have discussed how we might collaborate across campuses to benefit students. UH looks forward to working with campuses and DBEDT on programs that give opportunity for students to experience study abroad. We support the intent of HB 2604 HD1 as long as it does not supplant the UH Board of Regents approved budget.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 2604 HD1.



Thursday, February 15, 2018
HB 2604 HD1: Relating to International Education Programs
Committee on Higher Education
Public Testimony: PM Azinga, Global Educator, Citizen Diplomat

Dajia hao
Wo jiao Aishen Laoshi
Hen gaoxing jian dao ni
2006 Nian wo qu Zhongshan Daxue wo shi jiaoshou
2007 Nian wo qu Beijing wo shi Yingyu laoshi
Qu zhongguo shi yige gain bian shenghou di defang
Wo zhichi zhe xiang lifa
Xie Xie

Hello everyone
My name is Aishen Laoshi
I'm very pleased to meet you
In 2006 I taught at Zhong Shan University as a English As
a Second Language Professor
In 2007 I taught English in Beijing to Corporate Executive
Going to China was a life altering experience
I stand in support of this legislative proposal
Thank you.