



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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SB 2359 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2359 SD1 relating to the University of Hawai'i system to require the University to establish in each county, K-12 expanded teaching cohort programs for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in education.

The University of Hawai'i, College of Education (COE) is committed to establishing an expanded cohort program. While the majority of COE programs are online and delivered statewide, we know that expanding our offerings is critical to building capacity on the neighbor islands and to increase the pipeline local educators. The COE will also work closely with the other Colleges at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Hawai'i Department of Education, and all UH system campuses in order to streamline programs for students pursuing undergraduate degrees in education and to stabilize the Department of Education's workforce.

The Dean of the University of Hawai'i COE and the Superintendent of the Department of Education serve as co-chairs of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee, established under HRS §304A-1202. This Committee, with representatives from all teacher preparation programs in Hawai'i, have devoted efforts to addressing the teacher shortage and building the teacher workforce in Hawai'i.

Thank you for opportunity to provide testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 02/24/2022

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2359, SD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the University of Hawaii to establish in each county, K-12 expanded teaching cohort programs for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in education. Requires interim reports to the Legislature prior to the Regular Sessions of 2023, 2024, and 2025, and a final report prior to the Regular Session of 2026. Repeals 12/31/2026. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2359, SD1, requiring the University of Hawaii to establish expanded teaching cohort programs for students pursuing undergraduate degrees in education.

The expansion of teacher preparation programs in conjunction with the Department's high school education academies, internships, stipend opportunities, and targeted recruitment efforts will help to increase the pipeline of local teachers necessary to stabilize the Department's workforce.

Toward these efforts, the Department has worked closely with Hawaii's educator preparation programs through the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee, established under Section 304A-1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to encourage capacity building as outlined in the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee's five-year strategic plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2359, SD1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 2359 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.