



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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HB 2501 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Chairs Kim and Aquino, Vice Chairs Kidani and Moriwaki, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2501 HD1 – Relating to the University of Hawai'i Reporting Requirements. HB 2501 HD1 repeals the reporting requirement of creating a report that is no longer necessary.

For reporting pursuant to Section §302A-431, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), UH supports repealing Section §302A-431(b), HRS, that will remove the reporting requirements regarding the cost impacts of providing workers' compensation coverage for UH students. During the fiscal biennium 2014-2016, only one (1) workers' comp claim was made at a cost of \$1,046. Since then, no cost claims have been made. However, UH is still required to submit a report each biennium.

Up until 2022, the Department of Education (DOE) was included in this statute that required that they report the cost impacts of providing workers' compensation coverage for its students. Act 224, SLH 2022, eliminated that reporting requirement for the DOE. The current measure seeks to also eliminate the reporting requirement for UH.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2501 HD1.