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HB 1169 HD1 – RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawaii (UH) **supports** HB 1169 HD1, Relating to University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. This bill establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the UH system.

Conference Center Revolving Funds currently exist for the Community Colleges and UH-Hilo. This bill would create one UH Conference Center Revolving Fund and allow all campuses to utilize their own account within this overarching fund. This would allow all campuses to standardize conference center programs across all campuses while eliminating unnecessary duplication of statutes. This structure would mirror successful models of other UH funds, notably the Tuition and Fees Special Fund, the Auxiliary Enterprises Special Fund, and the Student Activities Revolving Fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.