



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 519 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and members of the Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 519, Relating to the University of Hawaii. This bill authorizes revenues in the UH Commercial Enterprises Revolving Fund to be expended for costs and expenses associated with food services.

Section 304A-2251, HRS, allows UH to hire personnel, renovate commercial space, and purchase merchandise, supplies, and equipment without regard to Chapters 76, 78, 89, 103, and 103D. Operations that are currently run via this fund include H-Zone stores and online operations and the UH Press. Adding in the ability to provide food services to the statute will make it clear that the operation of food services is ancillary to the student experience and promote a more entrepreneurial philosophy in their operations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.