



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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**HCR 92/HR 54 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING  
AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
ASSISTANTS AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO  
EARN TEACHING DEGREES AND BECOME FULL-TIME  
CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

Chairs Woodson and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Har and Hashem, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) appreciates the intent of HCR92/HR54. UH and the Department of Education have been working together cooperatively to address teacher shortages in Hawai'i, and will continue to do so in developing programming and educational supports for educational assistants and substitute teachers to earn teaching degrees.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comments.