HB 6 – RELATING TO THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding HB 6 – Relating to the Uniform Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act.

The University of Hawai‘i supports this bill with the following suggested revisions.

Page 3, lines 17-21, and page 4, lines 1-11, should be revised to read:

“Protected personal online account” means any online account maintained by an employee or student, including social media or electronic mail accounts, that is protected by a login requirement. The term does not include an account, or the discrete portion of an account, that was:
(1) Opened at an employer’s behest, or provided by an employer and intended to be used solely or primarily on behalf of or under the direction of the employer; or
(2) Opened at an educational institution’s behest, or provided by an educational institution and intended to be used solely or primarily on behalf of or under the direction of the educational institution.

We would also add that the term “protected personal online account” should be used throughout the bill.

Thank you for opportunity testify on this bill.