



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 138/SR 59 – 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 Kidani and Kahele and members of the committees:

The University of Hawai'i (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. UH, however, points out that stipend funding would require additional resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.