



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony for the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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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

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

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.