



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SCR 157 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO PREVENT IT.

Chairs Kidani and Kahele and members of the committees:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SCR 157 and will cooperate with the Department of Health to promote awareness of meningococcal disease and preventive vaccines among students.

The University recognizes that this is especially important for college students who live in residence halls, and, as an example of information provided to students, the University of Hawai'i Mānoa health clearance form sent to all entering students advises:

“The Meningococcal vaccine is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for college students, especially students who intend to live in the resident halls, as there is an increased risk of this highly contagious disease in the campus population. The newly available serogroup B Meningococcal vaccination should also be considered; please discuss with your health care provider.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.