SB 3070 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding SB 3070 which establishes a Hawai‘i teacher stipend program to be administered by the Department of Education to address the shortage of teachers in the Hawai‘i public school system and appropriates funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The University of Hawai‘i appreciates the legislature’s recognition of the challenges of teacher shortages in the state, and the initiative to address the issue through a Hawai‘i stipend program. The University supports the intent of SB 3070, and will work collaboratively with the Hawai‘i Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.