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Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii does not support House Bill 946, the purpose of which is to amend Section 89-6, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, by adding an additional collective bargaining unit for lecturers at the University of Hawaii. Inasmuch as lecturers at the University who teach a sufficient number of credits are considered half time and are thus included in bargaining unit 07, this measure is unnecessary. Moreover, because lecturers are already represented by the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly and are covered by a collective bargaining agreement which extends to June 30, 2009, the establishment of a new bargaining unit for lecturers can only result in legal entanglements relating to representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.