HB 3193, Relating to Residency for Tuition Purposes

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The purpose of this bill is to allow the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents to establish criteria for residency for tuition purposes without adopting rules.

The University supports this bill in that it places the establishment of the criteria for residency for tuition purposes under the authority of the Board of Regents analogous to the BOR’s authority to set the rate of tuition. Allowing the University to recommend changes without adopting rules would expedite the process. Nonetheless, changes in the criteria for residency for tuition purposes would be subject to the same open and consultative decision making process and review as has been established for tuition setting: public meetings, provision for testimony, decision-making at a public meeting, and advance notice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.