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HB 1744 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I

Honorable Chair Choy and Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members, Aloha!
Please accept this written testimony in strong support of H.B. 1744 relating to the McNair Student Achievement Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University’s Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Since the inception of the McNair program at UHM, our Scholars have conducted research both intra and extramurally and are currently pursuing doctoral degrees with the hope of becoming Hawaii’s future educators and leaders, particularly in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). It is my firm belief that the McNair program plays a key role in the preparation of these leaders, most who come from local households throughout the State of Hawai‘i, and therefore represent the fabric of Hawaii’s promising youth.

We are committed to the vitality of the McNair Program on our campus and making the continuation of this program a budgetary priority.