



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

---

Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 11:00am

By  
Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor  
and  
Peter Arnade, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 810 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

As the bill notes, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education offers an outstanding and proven model to introduce philosophical inquiry into Hawai'i's public schools by providing teachers with the tools necessary to help their students develop complex problem solving and critical thinking skills and sound judgment and reasoning. The P4C Academy in the College of Arts and Humanities has a proven track record of excellence in serving the needs of this state's k-12 curriculum. Their pedagogy is innovative, successful and inspiring.

Additional funding will allow expansion and further outreach of the successful and internationally recognized Philosophy For Children into Hawai'i's schools through increased staffing, programs and resources for additional training opportunities for public school educators.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on HB 810.