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The University of Hawaii is pleased to support SB 2997 SD 1 which establishes a civil engineering scholarship program to be administered by the Department of Transportation with funds from the special fund of the general administration of DOT. The University endorses the bill to promote the civil engineering profession by offering financial assistance, on-the-job training and employment opportunities to qualified Hawai'i students.

The University strongly endorses SB 2997 SD 1 which provides scholarship support for talented Hawai'i residents to enroll at the University of Hawai'i civil engineering program and allows scholarship recipients to postpone their work commitment in order to actively pursue a masters degree. The University appreciates the need to train more DOT engineers to address state needs and we look forward to working collaboratively with DOT to implement this scholarship program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2997 SD 1 DOT scholarship program and your continuing support for student access and state needs.