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Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, Jr. and Members of the Committee:

The statutorily established Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service functions and programs were transferred to the University of Hawaii in 2002. The University of Hawaii supports SB 2395 to amend section 90D-3 (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes. The purpose of this administration bill is to make Hawaii statutes consistent with federal law. The 1990 federal National and Community Service Act allows for three year terms and the Hawaii statute is for four year terms. This bill will make members of the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service serve three-year terms of office instead of four-year terms of office.

The National and Community Service Act of 1990 (Act) established the corporation for National and Community Service to administer programs established under national service laws. The Act specifies that in order to be eligible to receive a grant or allotment or to receive a distribution of approved national service positions under the Act; a state shall maintain a State Commission on National and Community Service that satisfies the requirements of the Act.

Pursuant to the Act, each member of the State Commission shall serve a term of 3 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the proposed amendment to section 90D-3(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, makes the Hawaii Statute consistent with federal law