



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2887, SD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 2887, SD1. The changes in the bill were based on agreements of the University, the Department of Education, and the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. We are pleased to be part of the effort to provide more teachers for vocational, technical, and career pathways programs. Though the numbers of unfilled classes in these areas is very small, the programs are significant, and it is important that we seek ways to better staff the classrooms. SB 2887, SD1 provides a helpful short term solution to the problem of staffing these classrooms.

With regard to the other four requirements, it is our observation that the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board is already making good progress on each.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony.