



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 1084 SD1 HD1 – PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the House
Committee on Finance:

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 1084 SD1 HD1 that proposes an amendment to
Article X, Section 1, of the Hawai'i State Constitution.

The University of Hawai'i recognizes the critical importance of early childhood education
to lifetime development. Hawai'i must expand the number of children in the state who
have access to high quality early childhood education programs, and the state's
Department of the Attorney General has deemed that a constitutional amendment is
necessary to advance this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.