



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

The Board of Regents strives to meet the highest standard of the open meetings (“Sunshine”) and ethics laws and has regularly consulted with both the Office of Information Practices and the State Ethics Commission office with regard to compliance with the applicable laws to accomplish the mission and purpose of the University of Hawai'i. In this regard, the Board of Regents has already contacted the Office of Information Practices and the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission to schedule training sessions in the coming months. The sessions will include overviews featuring the respective specialties of each office, with training that is specific to the Board of Regents.

At the Senate Higher Education and Judiciary and Labor Committee hearing, the Office of Information Practices noted in their testimony that at this time, they are still in the process of developing tests and requested that the effective date be delayed. The Board of Regents is in agreement that there be certification upon completion of training but is opposed to any testing requirement at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.