



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 312 HD1 – RELATING TO CREATIVE MEDIA

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i respectfully opposes HB 312 HD1, which requires the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (UHWO) campus to offer a bachelor's degree in creative media.

UHWO, adhering to our UH System, Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Policies and Planning "Guidelines for Proposals for New Programs", presented our Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media proposal to the UH Board of Regents Committee on Academic and Student Affairs on February 14, 2019. The committee reviewed and recommended our Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media proposal for full Board of Regents approval at their February 28, 2019 meeting.

While this is an important degree that is fully supported by UHWO's administration, faculty and staff, we respectfully oppose the creation of a program or degree in statute.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.