

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 573 HD1 – RELATING TO TUITION WAIVERS

Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Perruso, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 573 HD1. This bill provides scholarships for qualified students who are children or spouses of deceased veterans who are eligible for gold star status. The bill would require the gold star family member to provide proof of their status.

The University is in strong support of this version of the bill. It is a very appropriate mechanism to use for augmenting whatever other forms of financial assistance gold star family members have for attending college.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.