



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 843 HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 843 HD1 which provides funding for three non-tenure track, full time, temporary positions for the Applied Technical Education (ATE) program at Hawai'i Community College.

Since being founded in 1941, Hawai'i Community College has helped to create a trained workforce that meets the needs of local employers. The ultimate goal is strong industries and good jobs for Hawai'i Island residents.

With this funding, the positions would support the Agriculture, Automotive Mechanics Technology, Auto Body Repair and Painting, Diesel Mechanics, and Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics programs. These programs are expanding to add additional cohorts to accommodate the interest from DOE, high school students and working adults. Each of these positions have partnered with our non-credit and DOE to build pathways for students. Hilo High, Kea'au High and Kealakehe High are the first three high schools that are beginning to align curriculum to our trade programs so that students earn dual credit.

In addition, non-credit and trade programs are working with local trade unions. As recent members in the Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium (RACC) we are working on aligning curriculum within ATE to various Apprenticeship programs so we can award credit to Apprentices through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

We support HB 843 HD1 on the condition that any requested positions or funds do not supplant any portion of the University's Biennium Budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 843 HD1. Aloha.