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HB 1530 HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1530 HD1, which establishes the teacher mentor incentive program within the Department of Education.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education supports the intent of HB 1530 HD1 which would establish a teacher mentoring incentive program. Experienced classroom teachers have a lot to offer to student and induction teachers. These experienced classroom teachers devote an extraordinary amount of time to assist, support, and contribute to the continued development of others. An incentive program would motivate and encourage classroom teachers to engage and participate in a mentoring program. In addition, this program will complement our existing mentoring program for induction and special education teachers.

Thank you for allowing our testimony on HB 1530 HD1.