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HB 2284 – RELATING TO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF GROW OUR OWN RESOURCES FOR HAWAIIAN IMMERSION TEACHERS

Chairs Woodson and Takayama, Vice Chairs Kapela and Clark, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2284, relating to equitable distribution of grow our own resources for Hawaiian Immersion teachers.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education supports the intent of HB 2284 relating to the equitable distribution of grow our own resources for Hawaiian Immersion teachers. The current grow our own initiative is a very successful program enabling many potential teacher candidates in hard-to-fill areas, STEM, and special education to enroll, complete, and become highly qualified educators for the State of Hawai'i. Candidates are able to complete the program in 1.5 years with some already on the job as emergency hires or long-term substitute teachers. The College of Education stands available to consult and work closely with the Hawai'i Department of Education.

Thank you for allowing our testimony on HB 2284.