



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 2303 – RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Wildberger, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today.

The University of Hawai'i (University) supports HB 2303, which among other things, specifies that certain deliberative and pre-decisional materials that are a direct part of a government agency's internal decision-making process are not subject to disclosure if the disclosure of such materials would impair the agency's ability to make sound and fair decisions, but only to the extent that the impairment outweighs public interest in disclosure.

The University supports this bill because it strikes an appropriate and needed balance between the public's interest in disclosure, and the public's need for government entities to be able to deliberate towards well-informed, stress-tested, and thoughtful decisions.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.