



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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HB 844 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 844, which establishes a Network Improvement Community Task Force to develop K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) teacher education degree; appropriates funds for the establishment of a STEM Entrepreneur-Resident at the University of Hawai'i Maui College; and appropriates funds for University of Hawai'i Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships for study abroad programs.

There is an extreme need for STEM teachers on Maui and throughout the state, and this bill aims to address this issue. Extending study abroad opportunities will enhance student learning at UH Maui College.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 844, on the condition that any funds appropriated in support of this program does not supplant any portion of the University's budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 844.