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Legislative Testimony

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HB 984 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO FIREARMS

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 984 HD2 SD1, which, among other things, prohibits the carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises, including any public or private community college, college, or university, and adjacent parking areas, including but not limited to buildings, classrooms, laboratories, artistic venues, research facilities, and athletic fields or venues. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of HB 984 HD2 SD1 and this provision in particular.

In light of the frequency of mass shootings, increasing reports of gunshots, and the availability of guns that heighten the risk for suicide on college campuses across the U.S., the risk and scope of gun violence has taken an enormous toll on students and employees sense of safety on campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this issue.