



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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HR 143/HCR 141 – URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
MARITIME COLLEGE AND TO ESTABLISH A MARITIME COLLEGE

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HR 143/HCR 141. These resolutions urge the University of Hawai'i to convene a working group to create a plan for the establishment of a maritime college and to establish a maritime college.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) agrees with the observations of the resolutions regarding the many advantages establishing a maritime college would bring to Hawai'i. The UH System strategic plan includes support for employment in areas of State need and efforts to provide excellent employment opportunities for UH graduates. Thus, we would be happy to participate in a working group to investigate the feasibility of standing up a maritime college in Hawai'i under the auspices of the UH System.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.