



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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SCR 201/SR 166 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROFESSIONAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE UNIVERSITY'S TENURE SYSTEM FOR RESEARCHERS AND OTHER NON-INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution 201 and Senate Resolution 166. As the resolutions note, tenure is critical for recruitment, advancing knowledge, and for academic freedom.

The University of Hawai'i welcomes the opportunity to further investigate its policies and procedures regarding tenure in relation to its peers and looks forward to working with the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly to address the points found in the resolution.