



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 155 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 155, 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 SB 155, as long as its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 155.