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SB 1249 – RELATING TO CYBERSECURITY

Chairs Kim and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Kidani and Lee, and Members of the
Committees:

The University of Hawai'i is in support of SB 1249, which invests in Cybersecurity and
Data Science programs at the Center for Cybersecurity at UH Maui College.

The Center for Cybersecurity will expand the offering of coursework that leads to
industry-recognized credentials in these fields and be a place to innovate on how this
coursework is delivered. This bill will also support the development of Cybersecurity
and Data Science labs that will provide a place for students to intern and complete
online coursework.

There is a need for Cybersecurity employees in the state of Hawai'i. A quick search on
the internet via ZipRecruiter showed there are currently 272 Cybersecurity job openings
in Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 1249, as long as its passage does
not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Regents Approved
Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1249.