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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Testimony by:

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**S.B. No. 1413, SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT
TUITION FEE.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

At its February 16, 2023, meeting, the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i (Board) held discussions on S.B. No. 1413, SD1, which would afford resident tuition eligibility status to graduates of a Hawai'i high school enrolling at any campus of the University of Hawai'i. The Board supports the intent of this measure.

Providing Hawai'i residents with increased opportunities to pursue post-high school education and training is in the best interest of the State. Simplifying the process for determining resident tuition eligibility at the University of Hawai'i by using graduation from a high school within the State as a defining factor assists in reducing barriers local students may face when enrolling at the State's sole provider of post-secondary public education. It also streamlines the University of Hawaii's application process thereby allowing a more seamless transition between secondary and post-secondary education. As such, the Board supports the intent of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of S.B. No. 1413, SD1.