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SB 1509 SD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE ARCHIVES

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 1509 SD1, relating to the State Archives.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) recognizes the importance of the Hawai'i State Archives' (HSA) work, and UH supports this bill's intent to provide resources to the Hawai'i State Archives' efforts to manage the operational records of Hawai'i's governments, which are invaluable resources our students and researchers regularly utilize.

The University appreciates the revisions to the prior draft of the bill, noting that the UH Libraries support the educational and research needs of the University community and serve as a resource for the community at large. As part of this mission, the UH Libraries build collections that support and enrich UH's commitment to being a Native Hawaiian place of learning and have preserved and maintained audiovisual, archival, and book collections relating to Hawai'i's diverse ethnic and indigenous cultures for decades. One poignant example of this may be found in 'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'uloha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i which was created statutorily.

Along with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), UH respectfully requests a revision on page 3, line 2, so that it may read: "for the preservation of and long-term access to government records and other materials preserved at the State Archives."

The inclusion of this language will help to avoid competition between the University and the State Archives while honoring the original intent of the bill, which is to support the digitization and preservation of materials currently held at the State Archives in order to increase public access.

With this revision, we support the flexibility this bill affords the State Archives' preservation and long-term access special fund and the expansion of potential funding sources for its core functions.

Thank you for the consideration of this amendment and the opportunity to testify.