



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kokubun, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii supports HB 1856 HD 1 appropriating funds for the UH Student Caucus. This body is included in the systemwide organizational chart and is officially recognized by the Board of Regents because of their critical role in advancing the mission of the institution. The Student Caucus has demonstrated their capability to be an effective and independent student voice. The University and the state have benefited from their knowledge and perspective in the formulation of programs and educational policy issues that impact our state.

The Student Caucus requires funds to carry out its responsibilities. The University supports HB 1856 HD 1 appropriating funds for the Student Caucus provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1856 HD 1 and for your continuing support for our students.