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The University of Hawaii at Hilo respectfully request that H.B. 2673 be held. This measure clarifies that the Hawaiian liberal education program at the Hawaiian language college at the University of Hawaii at Hilo is to be taught primarily through the Hawaiian language.

In accord with H.B. 2673, the University of Hawaii at Hilo already teaches in the Hawaiian language and we have already established a revolving fund into which the sale of Hawaiian language material can be placed pursuant to Act 315, 1997.

Therefore, the University of Hawaii at Hilo feels that this measure is not needed and can be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.