



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

H.B. 1012 APPROPRIATION FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NON-TRADITIONAL AND OTHER STUDENTS

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Chair Waters, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 1012 appropriating funds and positions for systemwide and campus programs to promote student diversity, and we appreciate the support of our policy on non-discrimination and affirmative action.

HB 1012 would provide additional funds and positions to strengthen and expand programs that serve students who are under-represented and under-served, including students with disabilities and various ethnic groups. Over the years, the University has developed state- and federally-funded programs at various campuses to promote student access and diversity, within the limitations and availability of funding. With the additional resources that HB 1012 would provide, the rates of retention and graduation of these students would greatly increase; adequate and appropriate services would assure the success of these students who will, eventually, contribute to the state's workforce and community life.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1012 and for your continued support of students.