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

The University of Hawai`i supports HB 1077 appropriating funds for the UH Student Caucus. This body is included in the UH System organizational chart and is officially recognized by the Board of Regents because of its critical role in representing students systemwide and advancing the mission of the institution. The Student Caucus has demonstrated the capability to be an effective and independent student voice for students throughout the UH System. As elected student leaders at their respective campuses, the delegates to the Caucus provide insightful perspectives on issues that affect students on their home campuses. The University and the state have benefited from the knowledge and perspective of the student leaders in the formulation of programs and educational policy issues that impact the institution and our state.

The Student Caucus requires funds to carry out its responsibilities. The University supports HB 1077 appropriating operational funds for the Student Caucus, which is included in our Executive Biennium Budget. We appreciate your interest in our student leaders' participation in the governance of the University.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1077 and for your continuing support for our students.