



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

TESTIMONY

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

The University of Hawai`i is pleased to support HB 1642 appropriating funds for student employment at all UH campuses. The appropriation would enable all UH campuses to increase undergraduate and graduate student employment opportunities, which will benefit students as well as University programs. On-campus employment is a form of financial aid for those who require it; and student employment serves as an important form of learning for the student employees, as well as a resource for programs that are severely understaffed.

Additional funds for student employees would be well-used systemwide, including funding student support programs such as recruitment and retention services. The University supports HB 1642 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the UH Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1642 and for your continuing support for services to students.