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

The University of Hawai'i is pleased to support HB 1643 appropriating funds for systemwide student support services, which is included in the University's Executive Biennium Budget. The appropriation would increase services with greater equity to students throughout the UH System and advance the mission of the institution *to function as a System*. The appropriation would address a mandate of the Board of Regents to provide equitable services to students on all UH campuses.

The "broker" model is economically efficient and promotes cooperation and coordination among all UH campuses for the benefit of all UH students. The model would be phased-in over two biennia and intends to respond to changing needs of students and the community. The Student Caucus and Senior Student Affairs Officers of all UH campuses will participate in identifying priorities for student services requiring immediate attention and support and their implementation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1643 and for your continuing support for services to students.