



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

TESTIMONY

HB 2040, HD1 Relating to the Senator Hiram L. Fong Scholarship Program

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Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of HB 2040 HD1, is to create the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program to be administered by the University of Hawai'i. The program is to provide financial support for students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawai'i. The amount to be awarded to a student shall be determined by the Board of Regents. The Bill provides that \$200,000 for fiscal year 2006-2007 is to be appropriated from the general revenues of the State and transferred into the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program.

The University supports the intent of this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Regents approved Executive Supplemental Budget. We suggest clarification of the intent of the bill in regard to Hawai'i residency. If the intent is for the scholarship to go to Hawai'i residents, that should be so stipulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.