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

The University of Hawai'i does not have a position on the intent of HB2103, which establishes the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to provide health care for all Hawaii citizens.

However, we ask that such an authority not be housed within Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine. Such an effort is not within the mission of the School, the University does not have the resources to support such an effort, and the requirements of the bill are outside of our scope and expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.