

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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

The University appreciates and supports the intent of HB 3029. We recognize the significance of the contribution made by these members of our community and the importance of their service to the safety of our citizens.

While we support the intent of HB 3029, without the additional general fund allocation, we are uncertain how the waiver or reduction in tuition will be accommodated. The University of Hawai'i, therefore, respectfully requests legislative appropriation of the required funds, as long as these funds do not adversely affect the University's supplemental budget priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns on HB 3029. We thank the legislators for your interest in higher education for all citizens and support of our students.