



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 24, HD1 (HSCR1069): Relating to Teachers

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i fully supports HB 24, HD 1 (HSCR1069) which provides greater incentives for National Board Certified teachers to work at schools in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind act by giving them an additional \$5,000 bonus per year.

The University's College of Education at UH Manoa shares the Legislature's concern about how to improve the quality of education in Hawai'i's most negatively impacted schools. We have been working with the Department of Education to increase the number of National Board Certified teachers in Hawai'i. We know from first hand experience (many of them are our own graduates) how highly knowledgeable, skilled, and caring these teachers are. One of the continuing challenges in Hawai'i has been to place the most qualified teachers where students have the greatest needs. We believe this measure, providing significant incentives for our best teachers to teach in restructuring schools, will help make this happen.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.