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HB 1530 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Takumi, Chair Chang, and Members of the Committees:

One of the purposes of HB 1530 is to create an educational assistant loan program and special fund at the University of Hawaii.

The University of Hawai`i appreciates the intent of the Legislature to create opportunities for students to enter an educational assistant program at one of the UH community colleges. The University supports the intent of this bill, as long as the creation of this loan program and creation of the special fund do not replace or adversely impact the University's Board of Regents approved Biennium Budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.