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The purpose of HB 2133 Relating to Nursing, is to create a nursing teacher loan forgiveness program and to create a nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund. This program is to provide students who intend to become instructors in nursing the funding to pursue a masters or doctorate program.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the intent of the Legislature to provide financial support to students who wish to become nursing educators. However, the University cannot support this bill because of the extensive administrative hardship this will place on our various offices, in particular our financial aid offices and general accounting office, to track students over five years and to administer such a loan. With our current capacity of staffing and resources, we would not be able to develop and maintain such a program at the appropriate level.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.