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Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Bertram, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

I am Linda K. Johnsrud, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy, University of Hawai'i System. On behalf of the University System, I am testifying on House Bill 3398 House Draft 1, which appropriates funds to the vice chancellors for student affairs at University of Hawai'i system campuses for shared resources for Philippine language and culture programs.

The language of House Bill 3398 HD 1 makes a compelling case for establishing Philippine language and culture programs and supporting recruitment and retention efforts. The bill proposes partnerships among student affairs and academic units and among campuses and with public schools and other groups. The bill requests appropriations for the ten campuses in the UH system.

As a general practice individual campuses are charged with establishing priorities and allocating resources for student support or curriculum development and the University system does not designate funding for each campus to develop courses and programs or provide specified student services. Therefore, we support the intent of House Bill 3398 House Draft 1, and its aim of increasing Filipino participation at the University of Hawai'i, but would prefer to honor each campus's process of setting priorities for their resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.