



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 1728 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO FEES

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii opposes sections 15 through 18 of the bill which would replace administratively established with statutory fees and remove our authority to establish fees for certain special and revolving funds.

These special and revolving funds include numerous programs, facilities and services such as many different noncredit educational programs with differing costs, use of various university facilities by outside organizations, food services, transportation services, counseling and guidance, laboratory animal services and many others. Each semester, the demand and need for courses, programs and services at the University changes. The necessity to establish and revise fees related to the many programs and services only through statute would be impractical and unwieldy and would likely result in fees that are not commensurate with costs and expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.