



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HCR 201/HR 163 – URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION TO  
SUPPORT THE CENTER ON AGING AND TO RE-OPEN THE GERONTOLOGY  
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HCR 201 and HR 163, urging the University of Hawai'i administration to support the Center of Aging and to re-open the Gerontology Certificate Programs. These resolutions urges the University of Hawai'i to immediately expand its support for the Center on Aging and take such steps as are necessary to re-open the gerontology certificate programs.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa appreciates your interest and concerns in this issue but we cannot support passage of these resolutions, given the likelihood that UH Mānoa must accommodate significant budget reductions over the next two fiscal years. The actions required by these resolutions would require an investment of resources, financially and in personnel time that our campus cannot afford because we must devote them to programs essential to our primary campus mission.

Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.