Aloha Chairperson Carroll and Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee. We thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 674 House Draft 1 relating to Hawaiian affairs. The University of Hawai’i supports the intent of House Bill 674 House Draft 1 and welcomes the opportunity to discuss this measure further relating to the financial support for initiatives impacting the University of Hawai’i.

The initiatives impacted by this measure are the Aha Ho’ona’au ‘Owi (Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education) supported by the College of Education, and a research and training program for native Hawaiian students at the Hawai’i Institute of Marine Biology, both at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. The third is the Achieving the Dream Initiative for Native Hawaiian students at the Hawaii Community College.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.