



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 2670 – Relating to the University of Hawaii'i

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

The University of Hawaii'i System supports the intent of HB 2670. This measure removes the cap on the amount of expenditures that the UH Board of Regents can authorize from the University of Hawaii'i Tuition and Fees Special Fund for deposit into the University of Hawaii'i Foundation for the purposes of promoting alumni relations and generating private donations.

The collaboration between the University of Hawaii System and the University of Hawaii Foundation has a direct impact in improving and enhancing student access to higher education; supporting research projects whose findings which may result in critical healthcare, environmental and other key breakthroughs; and developing programs for our community throughout our 10 campuses is enhanced.

The University of Hawaii'i Centennial Campaign, led by the University of Hawaii'i Foundation, was launched to celebrate 100 years of public higher education, raised a grand total to \$336 million. This campaign officially ended on June 30, 2009 and concluded the most ambitious fundraising campaign to date in the state of Hawaii'i.

As it is our understanding that HB2670 removes the cap but continues to allow the Tuition and Fees Special Fund to be used for the purpose of promoting alumni relations and generating private donations, the University supports the intent of HB 2670.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.