



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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by

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HB 436      RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Nakashima, and Members of the Committee:

The UH Community Colleges respectfully request that HB 436 be deferred.

The University of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring that students throughout the State get access to needed baccalaureate education but this goal is best accomplished through the existing baccalaureate institutions and the University centers. Community colleges will continue to consider bachelor's degrees in technical areas as is allowed under the current law but prefer to stay focused on our primary mission of providing access, transfer education, and workforce development and do not favor an expansion of our mission as is proposed under this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.