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## HB 1272 - RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i understands the fiscal constraints facing the entire State of Hawai'i.

However, in considering this measure we want to ensure that the Committee understands that, on Oʻahu and in Maui County, 25% of the disbursement to support public, educational and governmental (PEG) access operations is allocated to support educational access activities by accredited educational institutions including the Department of Education, University of Hawaiʻi System and Hawaiʻi Association of Independent Schools.

Programming produced using this 25% of the overall PEG operational funding is made available on multiple islands and is an important tool for extending access to education at all levels throughout the State, including to many of our most underserved locations.

Reduction of the overall PEG allocation will also reduce funding for educational programming by accredited educational institutions and may impact the availability of educational services throughout the State of Hawai'i.

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