

## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

Legislative Testimony

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## HB 1330 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOBACCO SETTLEMENT SPECIAL FUND

Aloha Chair Ige and Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to provide the following comments in **support** of HB 1330 HD1, SD1, which would extend the sunset date on tobacco master settlement agreement monies for continued use by the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

Based upon the important role JABSOM plays in Hawai'i, we request that the allocation of tobacco settlement funds to JABSOM be continued.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.