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Legislative Testimony

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HCR 289: URGING SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR NA PUA NO'EAU STAFFING AND PROGRAMS.

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Nakashima, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution 289 that urges support of state funding for Na Pua No'eau staffing and programs at University of Hawai'i campuses and other sites.

The University of Hawai'i concurs with HCR 289 that Na Pua No'eau is an excellent program that advances Native Hawaiian students in their educational attainment while it builds upon Hawaiian culture, values, and knowledge. This is reflected in the University's 2011-2013 biennium budget request for system level funding for the Na Pua No'eau program as our highest programmatic priority. The University, however, respectfully requests that your committee consider HCR 289 within the context of the budget priorities as they were approved by our Board of Regents in the University's biennium budget request. We support this resolution provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact higher priorities as indicated in our BOR approved budget.

We appreciate the chance to provide testimony on HCR 289.