



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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HB1674 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

I am testifying on behalf of the University of Hawai'i and its 10 campuses.

HB 1674 extends eligibility for state financial aid and resident tuition to students of the University of Hawai'i without lawful immigration status who meet certain specified criteria.

The University supports the intent of this bill that is aligned with proposed Federal legislation known as the "Dream Act". The University is committed to providing access to a college education for all those who call Hawai'i home and want to improve themselves and their community.

The University is ready to develop policies and procedures to improve college access for the undocumented immigrant; consistent with Federal law, and would ask that any legislation in this area provide sufficient flexibility to enable such policies and procedures to be crafted to avoid potential conflicts between State and Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

Thank you for your support of the University and the opportunity to comment on this bill.