



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HB 1997, HD1      RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of House Committee on Finance, I am submitting written testimony on behalf of the University of Hawai'i regarding House Bill 1997, HD1.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 1997, HD1, with enthusiasm. In 2010 the Board of Regents endorsed a mission statement in regard to international engagement, as follows:

*A primary purpose of the University of Hawai'i is to serve the people of Hawai'i by preparing its students to be internationally engaged citizens, by enriching the educational experience of students and faculty, and by connecting the citizens of Hawai'i with ideas, talent, and economic opportunity from the vibrant cultures and economies of the Asia-Pacific and beyond. Across its ten campuses, the University of Hawai'i is committed to being a preeminent international center of learning, discovery, application, and service in Oceania, the Asia-Pacific region, and beyond. It also fosters among students and faculty global perspectives and attitudes and adaptability to a rapidly changing environment.*

Representatives from the University would be happy to participate on the Commission for Higher Education Export as described in HB 1997, HD1, or any other working group that is convened to pursue this strategic initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.