



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB1446 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We support the intent of HB1446. To meet the goals of the University of Hawai'i Graduation Initiative, the UH Hilo Strategic Plan, and the Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao initiative to become a model indigenous-serving institution and maintain our status as a federally-designated Native Hawaiian-serving institution, permanent funding is needed to improve and expand our capacity to serve Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian programs at UH Hilo. This request is consistent with and expands upon the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approved budget.

We support HB1446 provided it does not adversely impact other programs, priorities or our operating budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1446. Aloha.