



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HCR 184/HR 131 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WEST OAHU, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE TO EXPLORE, COLLECT DATA, AND REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF PROCUREMENT.

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 184/HR 131. This resolution requests the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu to explore the idea of partnering with the State Procurement Office in developing a workforce development pilot program in the field of procurement and to submit the findings to the Legislature.

The University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu strives to provide courses in areas of interest for current and potential students, as well as courses to assist with workforce development for the State of Hawai'i. Interest alone, however, does not ensure a successful program. All programs must have a sound business plan with reasonably forecasted enrollment numbers that present an ongoing, viable proposition.

At this time, we are unaware of a demand for workforce development in the field of procurement. However, UH West O'ahu desires to support the work force needs of the State of Hawai'i and will explore any initiative that presents itself as a viable opportunity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.