



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Chairs Oakland & Hee, Vice Chairs Ihara & Inouye and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai`i supports the intent of SB 51 to increase opportunities for foster children to obtain a college education. The University firmly believes that foster children, as well as society, will benefit from their completion of a college degree. Inasmuch as the Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for foster youth, the University defers to the testimony of the Department and will be available to assist in the Department's efforts to support higher educational opportunities for foster children.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 51.