



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Chairs Sakamoto, and Hee, Vice Chairs Hooser, and Inouye and
Members of the Committees:

The University supports SB 1394 Section 3 which proposes that the University of Hawai'i shall establish a program to allow for readmission of returning military personnel into programs to which they have been previously been admitted, provided that the individual is returning from a tour of duty. The University appreciates and acknowledges the special and important contributions made to our state and our campuses by these individuals, who are deployed for military duty. Most UH campuses have established programs allowing readmission of students whose continued enrollment was disrupted by military deployment, and we are now studying the feasibility of implementing the process at all campuses.

The University defers to the Department of Defense and Department of Education on all other sections of the bill, as the programs of these agencies will be directly impacted by the passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1394 and for your continuing support of our students.