

## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

## TESTIMONY

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

The University supports SB 1648 which provides \$1 million to the Department of Defense for tuition assistance to members of the Hawai`i National Guard who are undergraduate students working toward a degree on any campus of the University of Hawai`i System. The funds will be expended by the Department of Defense.

The University acknowledges the special and important contribution of these individuals to our state as well as our campuses. We will be pleased to implement the program, if this measure is approved by the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1648 and for your continuing support of our students.