



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

SCR 58, Requesting a Study of the  
Feasibility of One Chancellor for All of the University of Hawai'i's  
Community Colleges Instead of the Current System of  
One Chancellor for Each Community College

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Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 58 requests that the Legislative Reference Bureau conduct a study of the feasibility of one Chancellor for all of the University of Hawai'i's Community Colleges instead of the current system of one Chancellor for each community college campus.

The University is actively addressing the concern expressed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges regarding the organizational structure of the University's Community Colleges. In the context of Hawai'i Revised Statutes §304-4, that provides that the Board of Regents shall have management and control of the general affairs and exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization and management of the University, the University is currently reviewing the organizational structure of the community colleges.

One of the options being considered is the establishment of an executive position that would report to the President and be engaged with community college campus Chancellors to facilitate the campus' fulfillment of programmatic and budgetary goals and objectives as well as addressing accreditation requirements. An organizational structure recommendation for the community colleges will be discussed with the Board of Regents over the next few months. Given our current ongoing review of the organizational structure of the community colleges, the University does not believe that a study by the Legislative Reference Bureau is necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution 58.