



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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by

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SB 1648 SD 1, HD 1 Relating to Tuition Assistance

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Chair Takamine and Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee:

The University supports SB 1648, SD 1, HD 1 which provides tuition refunds to qualifying children of certain law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, water safety, and air ambulance services personnel; Hawai'i veterans; and other first responders who are killed in the line of duty; and to members of the Hawai'i national guard or military reserves who are called into active duty and active-duty military personnel.

The University acknowledges the special and important contribution of these individuals to our state as well as our campuses. We appreciate and support the intent of this bill. The University also respectfully requests legislative appropriation of the required funds to implement the refund program, as long as these funds do not adversely affect the University's supplemental budget priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1648 SD 1, HD 1, and for your continuing support of our students.