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Chairs Fukunaga and Espero, Vice Chairs Ige and Fukunaga and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawaii applauds the intent of this bill to promote a more highly trained and skilled workforce that is better able to participate in Hawaii's emerging 21st century New Economy. We are especially appreciative of the intent of this bill to improve the pipeline of entrants into all campuses of the University of Hawaii System, throughout the State.

The University of Hawaii supports the approach proposed in this bill, which would leverage the many successful grass-roots partnerships, particularly on the neighbor islands, to create greater statewide impact and benefit.

The University of Hawaii and its campuses and programs look forward to participating in whatever supportive roles would be most appropriate as this exciting grass-roots partnership-based program moves forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2078.