



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

Senate Bill No. 2883 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Testimony Presented Before the  
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Chairs Hee and Sakamoto and Members of the Committees:

The University appreciates and supports the intent of SB 2883. We recognize the significance of the contribution made by these members of our community and the importance of their service to the safety of our citizens.

While we support the intent of SB 2883, without the additional general fund allocation, we are uncertain how the waiver or reduction in tuition will be accommodated. The University of Hawai'i, therefore, respectfully requests legislative appropriation of the required funds, as long as these funds do not adversely affect the University's supplemental budget priorities.

We also respectfully suggest that, if passed, SB 2883 be amended to ensure that members of the military entitled to federal support for their education exhaust those benefits prior to seeking UH tuition waivers or reductions of tuition.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns on SB 2883. We thank the legislators for your interest in higher education for all citizens and support of our students.