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Chair English, Vice-Chair Kokubun, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii supports the intent of SB3192, which would establish a Hawaii sister state committee to recommend sister state or province relationships for the legislature's action. The University is supportive of strengthening our ties within the region and the world.

We support for SB3192 provided that there is understanding that its passage does not necessarily involve the establishment of exchange partnerships between the University of Hawaii and universities in sister states. The University needs to retain the control and ability to establish our own agreements with foreign Universities that meet our strategic and academic needs.