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SB 1173, Relating to Perinatal Care

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Ostrander and I currently serve as the Interim Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I wish to express my support for SB 1173, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities of the University as expressed in our Board of Regents-approved Executive Biennium Budget.

SB 1173 proposes to appropriate funds for the Department of Human Services to contract with the university clinical educational and research associates (UCERA) program at the University of Hawai'i department of obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health to continue the pilot perinatal clinic and the provision of case management services.

We appreciate the fact that this measure would provide much-needed resources to continue this critical public health program, and enjoys support from the State Department of Human Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.