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SB 1652 - RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the importance of the orderly and appropriate management of government records. However, we must respectfully oppose this bill in its current form.

Compliance with this measure would cost millions of dollars and thousands of hours of staff time throughout the State and Counties. In the current environment of budget reduction rather than expansion, the imposition of such a complex and far-reaching unfunded mandate would result in a substantial diversion of human and financial resources from public service to administrative processing.

The University believes the public interest will be better served if we can continue to maximize the use of our scarce resources to meet the educational needs of the people of Hawai'i. We therefore request that this measure be deferred.