



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SCR 97 / SR 59 ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF  
ENGINEERING TO CREATE AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF ROBOTICS AND  
EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SCR 97 and SR 59, encouraging the University of Hawai'i College of Engineering to create an undergraduate certificate of robotics and exploration program.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa appreciates your interest and concerns in this issue but we cannot support passage of the resolution, given the likelihood that UH Mānoa must accommodate significant budget reductions over the next two fiscal years. The actions encouraged by the resolution would require an investment of resources, financially and in personnel time that our campus cannot afford because we must devote them to programs essential to our primary campus mission.

Thank you for your support for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.