



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2122: RELATING TO RESEARCH

Chairs Sakamoto, Kokubun, Takamine, Vice Chairs and members of the Senate Committees on Education and Housing, Higher Education, and Labor:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2122 that requires the sharing of data across state agencies to support research that improves education and workforce outcomes and meets the longitudinal data requirements of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 2122. As a partner of Hawai'i P-20, the University of Hawai'i has been a supporter of longitudinal data system development since its inception. As part of this process and in response to ARRA requirements, in October 2009 UH President MRC Greenwood signed a Memorandum of Understanding that was also signed by the Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The purpose of the MOU was to establish a partnership to enable the sharing of data. The partners agreed to establish a data governance and access committee to determine protocols around research that would inform educational and workforce outcomes and policies.

SB 2122 establishes in statute many of the terms of the MOU, and reinforces the requirement to share data between agencies in a manner that safeguards confidentiality and strengthens the ability to conduct research that informs improvements for education and workforce outcomes in Hawai'i. As such it supports the state's efforts to meet one of the four assurances for ARRA funding.

The UH respectfully recommends an amendment to SB 2122 by adding "and other state agencies as appropriate" in page 1, line 11 after "the department of labor and industrial relations."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.