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SB 806: RELATING TO TEACHERS

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

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Education supports sections of SB 806 which extend the term of renewable advanced licenses from five years to ten years.

However, the University opposes sections of SB 806 that require training on bullying of students and on new student and teacher standards prior to applying for a license renewal. While both are worthwhile training goals, the bill does not provide a source for funding either of these training sessions, nor does it specify the manner, place, or entity responsible for organizing the training sessions.

Without adequate funding and defined agencies charged with providing the proposed training, they should not be legislatively mandated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.