



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony presented before the  
House Committee on Education  
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**SB 1084 SD1 – PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE  
HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATION  
OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the House Committee on Education:

The University of Hawai'i supports SB 1084 SD1 that proposes an amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Hawai'i State Constitution.

The University of Hawai'i recognizes the critical importance of early childhood education to lifetime development. Hawai'i must expand the number of children in the state who have access to high quality early childhood education programs, and the state's Department of the Attorney General has deemed that a constitutional amendment is necessary to advance this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.