



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2906 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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

SB 2906 SD1 appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i to pay student employees at new or expanded worksites on each of the campuses.

The University of Hawai'i System supports the intent of SB 2906 SD1. On campus employment for college students benefit both the students and the campuses on which they are employed. For students, employment provides funds needed to cover rising college costs and affords opportunities to learn critical workforce and life skills as they matriculate and learn. For the college campuses, on campus student employees serve as a talented workforce, performing a myriad of critical functions that enable each campus to meet the needs that members of the campus community bring with them.

Additionally, national research findings show that students who work on campus perform better academically than those who work off-campus. They also persist towards graduation at higher rates. The University of Hawai'i System recognizes that it is in its best interest to have our students work with us, and for us, in order to improve their persistence towards degree completion.

In summary, the University of Hawai'i System welcomes the \$500,000 support offered by SB 2906 SD1 provided that this support does not adversely affect the University's priorities as articulated in its budget request. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.