



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SCR 128 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS RELEVANT TO INDUSTRY DEMANDS IN HAWAII.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

The University of Hawai'i supports this concurrent resolution. Occupations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields are increasingly vital to the economic growth and productivity of our state and our country, and the University is working to train and educate college students, as well as work with our K-12 partners, to be prepared for STEM occupations.

As noted in the concurrent resolution, the University has, as one of its strategic measures, to increase the number of UH degrees in STEM fields, and every campus has identified various initiatives to support this priority.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.