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SB 2557 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO CONCUSSIONS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2557 SD2 HD1.

The University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, College of Education, Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science supports SB 2557 SD2 HD1; however we would like to make specific recommendations. More specifically, recommended changes include the following:

1. Change “School athletics” definition from grade “six” to grade “twelve”, to grade “nine” to grade “twelve”. This would specifically address the high school intent of the concussion management program (Page 3, line 4).

2. Cognitive testing. Page 7, Lines 7-8: “Cognitive testing of participants prior to the start of each season of school athletics;” should be replaced with “Cognitive testing of school athletics participants as determined by the department of kinesiology and rehabilitation science of the University of Hawaii, the department of education, and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association;”

3. Page 8, lines 17, through page 9, line 2 (Section 5) - delete this section

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2557 SD2 HD1.