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HB 696 HD1 – RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the over-all concept of this bill, especially given the serious challenges facing the State outlined in the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment presented to the 2015 Hawai'i State Legislature.

While HB 696 HD1 includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, we are concerned about the cost implications generated by this proposal and the placement of a workforce activity within a state agency, contrary to that outlined in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation State Innovation Model (SIM) for Hawai'i.

Further, the proposal is an unnecessary duplication of work already being performed by the Center for Nursing Studies at UH Mānoa and by the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (HMEC). We support recommendations concerning HMEC which are included in HMEC's 2015 Report to the Legislature, including the expansion of the Council to include representatives of all post-MD Graduate Medical Education (GME, or "MD Residency Training") programs in the State and dedicated funding for GME to allow the Legislature to monitor transparent, strategic application of State monies in support of GME.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify.