



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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House Committee on Education and  
Committee on Labor & Public Employment

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### **SB 96, SD 3: Relating to the Department of Education**

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 96, SD3 which is to protect children in public schools by requiring criminal record checks providers and contractors.

However, we oppose the inclusion of student trainees in this bill for the following reason. Students selected to our teacher preparation program are carefully screened and once admitted, held to a high code of professional dispositions.

We oppose the provision to pass on the cost of criminal checks to trainees. Such action will pose an undue financial burden on students at a time when tuition costs for all our institutions are rising.