



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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SCR 67 -- Requesting the P-20 Council to Report on Early College Awareness Programs

Chairs Chang and Takumi, Vice-Chairs Bertram and Berg and Members of the Committees:

My name is Tammi Chun, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i P-20 Initiative.

I express support for the intent of this concurrent resolution. Developing early college awareness is entirely consistent with the Hawai'i P-20 Strategic Plan for 2006-2010. In fact, one specific undertaking of the Initiative has been the creation of HI-CAN, the Hawai'i College Access Network. This network seeks to foster communication among all the various public and private entities in the state that are devoted to early college awareness -- such as GEAR UP, Upward Bound, TRIO, SEED, College Connections, Talent Search and others.

We look forward to the preparation of such a report and the possibility that it may suggest to you and your colleagues some actions which might be taken by the 2008 Legislature to further support early college awareness in Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, I shall be happy to address them.