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IN OPPOSITION TO SB 799 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Tokuda, and the members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Education. My name is Dr. Noreen Mokuau and I am testifying today in relation to SB 799, which appropriates funds to the UHM School of Social Work to conduct a social audit of the QUEST expanded access program.

While the School of Social Work does not necessarily oppose the intent of SB 799, it is unable to conduct an audit of the QUEST program because of a conflict of interest. The School has contracts with the Department of Human Services in excess of two million dollars. Therefore, our involvement in an audit of the department would, at the very least, have the appearance of impropriety.

We thank the sponsors of SB 799 for their confidence in the School of Social Work's ability to conduct an audit of this nature and the Senate committees for this opportunity to offer our comments in relation to the bill.