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HB 2166 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

Chair Woodson, Vice-Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Quinlan, and members of the Committee:

At the February 7th meeting of the House Committee on Lower & Higher Education, I provided verbal comments on House Bill 2166 without having submitted testimony ahead of the hearing. I am providing you a written summary of my comments here.

The University of Hawaii does not have a position on the goal of HB 2166 which is to remove the sunset date on Act 111 (2015) permitting the University Laboratory (Charter) School to utilize a selective admissions process. The University feels that the description of this bill as posted on the hearing notice and attached to the bill itself is inaccurate. The description states that the purpose of the bill is to “make permanent the law exempting the University Laboratory School from the public charter school enrollment policy so that it may conform its student enrollment profile to the standard prescribed by the University of Hawaii college of education in order to meet college’s research requirements.”

On behalf of the University of Hawaii, I am making clear that neither the University of Hawaii nor its college of education has any requirement for research, or otherwise, on the University Laboratory School (ULS) necessary for this exemption. I do not want Legislators to be of the misperception that the University of Hawaii is the reason that ULS requires this exemption. The University does not have a position either way as to whether ULS gets this exemption or not.

The University of Hawaii does do research in schools – including at the University Laboratory School. AS such, the University does research in schools that do not have this exemption. Whether ULS has this exemption or not will not necessarily affect whether UH or its college of education does or does not do future research at ULS.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.