

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR 52/HR 41 – REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS WHETHER STATE AGENCIES' ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES AND RECORDS OF INCIDENCES OF BULLYING ARE PROPERLY UPDATED AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 52/HR 41 relating to the creation of a task force to assess anti-bullying policies and records of State agencies.

The University of Hawai'i (University) supports the intent of these resolutions. University Executive Policy 7.208, the Systemwide Student Conduct Code, encompasses bullying addressed in this resolution and all University policies are scheduled for review every three (3) years to assure relevancy and update(s). Therefore, the University believes our current practices already support the intent of this resolution and welcomes the opportunity to serve a vital role on the proposed task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on these measures.