



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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House Committee on Education  
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#### HB 1534 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chairs Perruso and Woodson, Vice Chairs Kapela and La Chica, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1534, which establishes a teacher apprenticeship program to support, recruit, develop, and retain teachers for Hawai'i's public schools. As stated in the bill, the program is a valuable strategy in helping to address statewide K-12 teacher shortages in Hawai'i's public schools.

The University of Hawai'i, College of Education is committed to establishing a teacher apprenticeship program statewide. In addition, comments are being offered for HB 1534.

- (1) §302A – The establishment of the Hawaii Teacher Apprenticeship Program to be administered by the Hawaii Teacher Standard Board under the guidance of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations as required by law should be articulated.
- (2) With regards to eligibility for candidates and mentors, we would support the language and requirements be set by the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Thank you for allowing our testimony on HB 1534.