



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
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By  
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HB 2682 – RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE COLLEGE REVOLVING  
FUND AND THE HAWAIIAN EARLY LEARNING TRUST FUND

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of the CONTENT of HB 2682. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports the substance of HB 2682, which seeks to expand the scope of the two accounts supporting the collaborative efforts of the UH Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the UH Hilo College of Hawaiian language, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

Given the constitutional concerns however with the title of this bill brought to light by the Attorney General, we suggest using HB 2684 HD1 as the vehicle to accomplish the intent of this bill. Our testimony for HB 2684 HD1 includes our suggested amendments to effectuate that outcome.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2682.