



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Senate Committee on Higher Education
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HB 2720 HD3 – RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Chairs Aquino and Kim, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Kidani, and Members of the
Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on HB 2720 HD3, which establishes
a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of
Hawai'i and community college system.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) has had ongoing discussions with the Graduate Student
Organization (the UH Mānoa leadership entity for graduate students) elected
representatives regarding this issue, and UH is deliberately not taking a position on the
issue of unionization.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.