



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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HB 2720 – RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on HB 2720, 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 students regarding this issue and UH is deliberately not taking a position on this measure.

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