



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2690 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges supports the intent of Senate Bill 2690. This initiative is to appropriate funds to subsidize travel expenses and/or tuition that gives Maui County students (18-20) opportunities for study abroad experiences.

1. The overall benefit of study abroad is that it maximizes the global learning of each partnering institutions by providing students with top quality global education and better potential in securing a good job in the future.
2. This academic year, University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC) successfully supported 7 (seven) students to study in Japan and Okinawa. The success has created increased interest to students wishing to study abroad.
3. The major challenge for most students is cost.
4. It also stimulates UH Maui College's enrollment management target for international students.

The UH Community Colleges supports the intent of this bill provided that it does not supplant the supplemental budget request of the University of Hawai'i.

Thank you for opportunity to testify on SB 2690.