



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SB 3058 SD2 – RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chairs Woodson and Johanson, Vice Chairs Hashem, Quinlan, and Eli, and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports this measure.

In 2017, the Legislature supported UH's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students and alumni by giving UH the responsibility to ensure that technology transfer activities it sponsors comport with ethic principles embodied in the State Ethics Code. Pursuant to Act 38, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017, University of Hawai'i sponsored technology transfer activities would be exempt from specific sections of the State Ethics Code so long as these technology transfer activities were subject to ethic policies and a compliance program established by UH that were specifically adapted to unique features of university-generated innovations. However, the transfer of compliance responsibility to UH by Act 38 would sunset on June 30, 2022.

The University of Hawai'i has developed draft policies and protocols and is consulting with the various stakeholder groups in the UH community, including its faculty. To continue the efforts to develop the policies, internal guidance, forms and procedural protocols to fully implement a robust compliance program, UH respectfully requests that the sunset provision of Act 38, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017, be extended for three years to June 20, 2025, as proposed in SB 3058 SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.