



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB809, appropriating funds to public school positions and the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education supports SB 809 which provides funding for public school positions and the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. There is a continuous need for public school positions throughout the State of Hawai'i including those hard-to-fill area, and high-demand positions. Further, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board serves as the catalyst for ensuring all teacher candidates have met professional and ethical standards prior to receiving a teaching license.

The delivery of high-quality professional opportunities, support for potential students in high school, and teacher preparation in high-demand career fields is essential to the economy and to prevent disruption in key sectors. In order to arrive at a high-quality program, the college will work closely with all interested parties to ensure academic quality and work force success.

Thank you for allowing our testimony on SB 809.