



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill (SB) 3374 Senate Draft (SD) 1 House Draft (HD) 1 relating to the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC). The University of Hawai'i (UH) strongly supports the bill to support workforce development.

Unique among UH campuses, UHCCs' mission includes workforce development and personal development for career mobility. UHCCs take seriously its responsibility to provide a trained workforce, offering occupational, technical and professional courses and programs to prepare students for immediate employment and career advancement. Through its seven campuses and six education centers throughout the state, UHCCs provide accessible and affordable options for education and training through its degree and certificate programs and non-credit workforce training programs. UHCCs offer a range of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs including healthcare, human services, skilled trades, business, technology and agriculture. Last year, in its degree and certificate programs, UHCCs served 8,512 students in CTE majors, offered 2,343 CTE classes and awarded 2,678 degrees and Certificates of Achievement. In its non-credit workforce training programs, UHCCs provided nearly 16,000 training opportunities, some leading to industry-based certifications including federally recognized Registered Apprenticeship Programs for 3,517 apprentices in the trades and healthcare.

UHCCs is committed to meeting the state's workforce needs. This includes aligning UHCCs' CTE programs with current and forecasted needs for the skills and certifications as well as the number of trained residents for workforce needs and employment opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.