



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

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SB 155 SD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 155 SD1, which establishes, and appropriates funds for, a Network Improvement Community Task Force to develop a K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teacher education degree for the University of Hawai'i and report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the establishment of a STEM Entrepreneur-Resident at the University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC). Appropriates funds for UHMC's Office of International and Regional Partnerships for study abroad programs.

There is an extreme need for STEM teachers on Maui and throughout the state, and this bill aims to address this issue. Extending study abroad opportunities will enhance student learning at UHMC.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 155 SD1, as long as its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 155 SD1.