



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 1230 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO FIREARMS

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1230 SD2 HD1, which, among other things, prohibits the carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises, including any public or private community college, college or university, and adjacent parking areas, including buildings, classrooms, laboratories, research facilities, artistic venues, and athletic fields or venues. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of SB 1230 SD2 HD1 and this provision in particular.

In light of the frequency of mass shootings, increasing reports of gunshots, and the availability of guns that heighten the risk for suicide on college campuses across the U.S., the risk and scope of gun violence has taken an enormous toll on students and employees sense of safety of campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this issue.