



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
March 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

By

Michael Bruno, Provost, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Maenette Benham, Chancellor University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu

Michael Unebasami, Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Community Colleges
Della Teraoka, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Community Colleges

SB 1230 SD2 – RELATING TO FIREARMS

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1230 SD2, which, among other things, prohibits the carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises, including any public or private college or university, including but not limited to buildings, classrooms, laboratories, artistic venues, research facilities, athletic fields or venues, and adjacent parking areas. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of SB 1230 SD2 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.