

House Committee on Higher Education and Technology Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Testimony by:

Jamie Go, Interim Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

S.B. No. 1413, S.D. 2 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE.

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

The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i (Board) supports the intent of S.B. No. 1413 S.D. 2, which would afford resident tuition eligibility status to graduates of a Hawai'i high school enrolling at any campus of the University of Hawai'i if certain conditions are met.

Providing Hawai'i residents with increased opportunities to pursue post-high school education and training is in the best interest of the State. Simplifying the process for determining resident tuition eligibility at the University of Hawai'i by using graduation from a high school within the State as a defining factor assists in reducing barriers local students may face when enrolling at the State's sole provider of post-secondary public education. It also streamlines the University of Hawaii's application process thereby allowing a more seamless transition between secondary and post-secondary education. As such, the Board supports the intent of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of S.B. No. 1413, S.D. 2.