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SB 1509 SD2 – RELATING TO THE STATE ARCHIVES

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1509 SD2, relating to the State Archives.

The University of Hawai‘i (UH) recognizes the importance of the Hawai‘i State Archives’ (HSA) work, and UH supports this bill’s intent to provide resources to the Hawai‘i State Archives’ efforts to manage the operational records of Hawai‘i’s governments, which are invaluable resources our students and researchers regularly utilize.

The University appreciates the revisions to the prior draft of the bill, noting that the UH Libraries support the educational and research needs of the University community and serve as a resource for the community at large. As part of this mission, the UH Libraries build collections that support and enrich UH’s commitment to being a Native Hawaiian place of learning and have preserved and maintained audiovisual, archival, and book collections relating to Hawai‘i’s diverse ethnic and indigenous cultures for decades. One poignant example of this may be found in ‘Ulu‘ulu: The Henry Ku‘uloha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai‘i, which was created statutorily.

We support the flexibility this bill affords the State Archives’ preservation and long-term access special fund and the expansion of potential funding sources for its core functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1509 SD2 as currently drafted.