



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2946 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2946 – Relating to the University of Hawai'i.

SB 2946 requires the University to annually report to the legislature “all university employees who performed work from a location outside of the State during the applicable year.” This broad language would include reporting on instances when employees’ duties may require travel out of state for work purposes, regardless of time and duration. This would include situations like attending conferences, meetings, training, or directed business that requires them to travel out of state. No other departments are required to report such instances. Currently, the University does not systematically collect this level of detail for any time an employee performs work outside of the state other than for what is provided by the University’s travel system. Depending on how the legislature might choose to define this new reporting requirement, additional resources would likely be needed to develop systems and procedures to capture the information at the source and automate reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2946.