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Comments: Aloha, LAB/HED Committee members! My name is Mathew Yamamoto and I am writing to you in strong support of HR 85/HCR 114 "Requesting the auditor to conduct a study on the potential effects of allowing graduate students at the University of Hawaii to unionize." I am told that the wages are far to low to survive in Hawaii and most graduate student assistants must hold second or third jobs to pay for their basic needs. Also, the graduate assistants have no means of addressing their concerns or complaints since the UH ombudsman's office was eliminated. Our UH graduate assistants deserve a means to voice their concerns and grievances. Our UH graduate assistants deserve the right to choose to unionize. Mahalo for considering my testimony and HR 85/HCR114!

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