



April 5, 2016

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair and
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HB 2772 HD1 SD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii
Hearing: Tuesday, April 4, 2016, 9:15 a.m., Room 211

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus (HSDWC) writes in support of HB 2772 HD1 SD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii which seeks to implement the recommendations of the Affirmative Consent Taskforce.

HSDWC has long been concerned over the University of Hawaii's lack of compliance with Title IX. Although some progress has been made in the last year, more needs to be done to bring the UH System into full compliance.

HSDWC is in support of the recommendations of the taskforce and their request for additional time. Implementing the recommendations of the Affirmative Consent taskforce will move UH along the path of compliance with Title IX. Hawaii's college students deserve a safe environment in which to study. Anything less distracts from their ability to fulfill their educational needs and professional goals.

We respectfully request that the committee pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda, Chair Keith-Agaran and members, The Coalition is in strong support of this measure. It will insure that the UH system is consistent and pro-active with its plan to address a hostile educational environment that has existed at UH probably since its inception. Our state system of higher education needs to take this Title IX set of issues seriously, The suffering of women under the past system that treated each incident of sexual harassment and sex assault as isolated incidents to be swept under the carpet must stop. This bill gives teeth to Title IX tenets within our University system. Let us stamp out violence against women students and faculty. Mahalo, Ann S Freed, Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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