

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 543 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee:

House Bill 543 requires the auditor to audit the University of Hawai'i's management of faculty workload one year prior to the expiration of UHPA agreements and report to the 2016 legislature.

The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR) is actively examining the subject of faculty workload which was a topic of extensive discussion at the January 14, 2015 joint meeting of the BOR committees on academic affairs and personnel affairs. The Board of Regents and the University's administration will continue to work together to clarify and define workload equivalencies and policy mechanisms. We would like to point out that due to the highly specialized nature of faculty workload, those conducting an audit would need appropriate experience in academic workload matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.