



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
February 9, 2026 at 1:05 p.m.

By

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SB 3229 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

Thank you for the opportunity share comments on SB 3229.

The University of Hawaii (UH) values accountability, which is essential to fostering and maintaining donor trust in our fundraising efforts. Evaluation of the Foundation's services is necessary to strengthen our donor relationships and improve our fundraising strategies when donor constraints may limit giving ability.



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**TESTIMONY OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION ON
SENATE BILL 3229, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Hearing Date: February 9, 2026
Committee: Senate Committee on Education
Time: 1:05 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
Testifier: Tim Dolan, Chief Executive Officer, University of Hawai'i Foundation

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

The University of Hawai'i Foundation supports the intent of this bill and appreciates our long-standing partnership with the University of Hawai'i. We welcome any suggestions for improving our operations and enhancing donor relations. Therefore, we have no objections to this bill.

Thank you,

Tim Dolan
Chief Executive Officer, University of Hawai'i Foundation

SB-3229

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I KĀKO‘O ‘OLE this bill, I don‘t see how spending funds from tuition and special fees to evaluate donors is necessary. I understand and support the terms of the report to the legislature, however, more information is needed in regards to what exactly is meant by, "...conducting donor evaluations.."

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i