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I am testifying in favor of the HCR 58: REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK INTO ITS CURRICULUM.

As a high school senior looking at the University of Hawaii as a prospective college of choice, I find that an expansion of its international affairs and global education programs would not only be appealing, but crucial for students to view the UH as being their top choice. Currently, many students view the UH as being a back-up or a second class college compared to others such as Willamette, Loyola Marymount University, and even Creighton. These colleges all offer international relations as a major which the UH currently does not. Beyond that, the depth of these programs can be seen as being more centered on a global theme than the UH.

By integrating additional international affairs and global education coursework into the UH curriculum, I feel that it's doing more than just drawing more prospective students towards the UH, it's training us to become globally minded students, which is crucial in these times which we live in.

I am familiar with youth who demonstrate a passion for not only understanding, but also focusing on the relationship between globalization and self. The University of Hawaii's expansion of such programs would be a clear way to appeal to such youth who exhibit these passions to become well-

rounded, tolerant, global citizens. It is a crucial way for the UH to introduce the importance of issues such as environmental sustainability in the context of a global scale. Through such programs, the UH could achieve an objective which has become one that all universities must hope to pursue; teaching students to have a global vision. Endorsing my testimony is Stephanie McCandless Reford, who has had experience as Executive Director of PAAC, as well as a staff member at United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and co-founder of Introducing the World Canada,.

I urge the Committee to support HCR 58 to ensure a global education for every student enrolled in the College of Education.