



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 850 – RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) is in agreement with the value of independent verification and validation (IV&V) efforts for those projects that involve substantial risk and expense in order to help ensure the efficient and effective functioning of state government, and supports the intent of the bill together with the State's chief information officer.

Given the separation of oversight and responsibilities of the State's chief information officer for the Executive Branch (excluding the University of Hawai'i and the Department of Education), and the University's chief information officer for the University of Hawai'i system, we respectfully request that the University's technology projects be excluded from the IV&V responsibility of the State's chief information officer. The organizational separation does give each respective chief information officer the current responsibility for monitoring, oversight and accountability over its Information Technology (IT) resources, systems and services. Overlapping IV&V responsibility across the organizations would introduce significant strain on the resources of the State's chief information officer, due primarily to the differences in the application and IT infrastructure and services portfolio of each organization, and would potentially detract from the core services that each of us must support.

Our respective IT organizations do already share joint oversight of common infrastructure where possible, e.g., statewide government network facilities and exchange of data center hosting facilities, and participate in shared efforts to support the common good. We do work collaboratively whenever the opportunity exists, such as in the areas of cyber-security risks and IT workforce development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0850 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the Chief Information Officer to identify the information technology projects of the executive branch, including DOE and UH, that shall be subject to independent verification and validation. Requires the Chief Information Officer to award, administer, and manage the independent verification and validation contracts.

**Department's Position:**

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

The Department of Education (DOE) understands the value of independent verification and validation of IT projects/initiatives and the intent of SB 850.

The DOE's Assistant Superintendent & CIO in the Office of Information Technology Services is responsible for the oversight and monitoring of the DOE's IT projects and initiatives. Therefore, we respectfully request that the DOE's technology projects be excluded from the independent verification and validation responsibilities of the State's Chief Information Officer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.