

Senate Committee on Ways & Means Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony in opposition to S.B. 741, Relating to the University of

Hawaii

Hearing: February 26, 2025 at 10:03 a.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to respectfully submit testimony in **opposition** to S.B. 741.

We specifically oppose the Sunshine Law exemption provided at page 2, lines 4 – 12, as the language is convoluted and the exemption it creates is unclear. Any exemptions to chapter 92 of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes should be clearly articulated and narrowly defined.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in opposition to S.B. 741.

