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Legislative Testimony

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HB 1339 HD1 – RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1339 HD1 which restructures the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity plan and related duties, and appropriates funds for this purpose.

The University of Hawai'i is a member of the interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, and will remain a member under the restructuring proposed in HB 1339. We support this restructuring and attachment to the Department of Agriculture, and believe that it will strengthen efforts to prevent and control invasive pests, plants, and plant diseases in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the effort to testify in support of HB 1339 HD1.