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Legislative Testimony

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HB 2301 HD1 – RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 2301 HD1, relating to Invasive Species Program Administration.

The bill will restructure the existing Invasive Species Council to improve coordination amongst the various state, private and federal agencies involved in the detection, control and management of invasive species in Hawaii. The proposed administration will also oversee the implementation of a state interagency biosecurity plan, which will help to reduce the flood of invasive species, which threaten the ecology, economy and public health of the state. The university sees coordination in this bill as a means for it to contribute through education and basic and applied science to dealing with this problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 2301 HD1.