



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR 237/HR 205 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A NETWORK OF SCIENTISTS IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON AND SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF POLICIES UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Hashem, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH), as the state's only major public research university and one of only a handful of land, sea, sun and space-grant universities in the nation, has a dual responsibility to continually seek out new discoveries and to energize economic development here and around the world.

As a result, UH faculty are often well-recognized and well-sought after members in their respective communities – reflecting UH's strengths in ocean and climate sciences, astronomy/space exploration, health and wellness, digital economy and civil infrastructure security, and sustainable ecosystems and energy. University of Hawai'i researchers serve on local, national and international organizations on a plethora of subjects offering expert opinion, including the National Academy of Sciences, NASA, CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) and the Royal Astronomical Society.

With expertise in critical research areas related to disease treatment and prevention, cybersecurity, climate change, secure food and water supplies, renewable energy, big data/data visualization and national defense -- the University of Hawai'i is pleased to offer its continuing support to the Legislature and to the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.