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Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole 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.