



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 850 HD1 – RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

The University of Hawai'i 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 oversight and responsibilities of the University's chief information officer for the University of Hawai'i system, we respectfully request that the University's chief information officer be tasked with identifying the appropriate University information technology projects that will be subject to IV&V. The existing organizational separation does give each respective chief information officer the responsibility for monitoring, oversight and accountability over its Information Technology (IT) resources, systems and services. Overlapping IV&V selection across the organizations would create additional strain on the resources of the State's chief information officer, due to the differences in the application and IT infrastructure and services portfolio of each organization.

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.

The University is in support of the other aspects of the SB 850 HD1, including the requirement to share IV&V recommendations and reports with the State's chief information officer and the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.