



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SB 1292 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO THE HILO COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DISTRICT

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

Both the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the University of Hawai'i Community College System are in support of the intent of SB 1292 SD2 HD1 to establish the Hilo community economic district located in East Hawai'i.

This proposal will help to improve and strengthen the economic and workforce development opportunities in East Hawai'i. University of Hawai'i at Hilo and University of Hawai'i Community College System view the proposal as a positive solution to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1292 SD2 HD1. Aloha.