



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 160 SD1 – REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROVIDE
INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON POSSIBLE
TECHNIQUES TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITOS FROM HAWAII

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SCR 160 SD1. The factual basis described in this resolution regarding mosquito elimination and the myriad of positive effects that area-wide mosquito management would have in Hawai'i is sound.

Faculty and staff at UH Mānoa and UH Hilo are already heavily involved with ongoing investigations of integrative pest management techniques that have potential to eliminate mosquitoes from Hawai'i (e.g. http://www.allianceforglobaldevelopment.org/uploads/8/8/3/7/88378936/report_on_mosquito_free_workshop.pdf, <http://www.cpc-foundation.org/news-and-videos.html>). This involvement includes communication with other State, Federal, and private organizations as to the feasibility and impacts (e.g. environmental, social, and cultural) of eventual small-and large-scale application of identified techniques.

Currently, there is no funding to investigate the possible mosquito control techniques. This resolution will help to determine the estimated cost of establishing a statewide mosquito eradication program, but no funding to do a report.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments.