HB 2185 – RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE

Chairs Wooley and Evans, Vice Chairs Onishi and Lowen and Members of the House Committees on Agriculture and Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to express concerns on this measure.

House Bill 2185 has multiple components which: (1) Authorizes the State to exchange lands for certain agricultural and conservation lands owned by Dole Food Company, Inc. (2) Establishes the east Kapolei community development district. (3) Establishes the Whitmore project facility revenue bond special fund into which proceeds from revenue bonds shall be deposited for purchasing certain parcels of land from Dole Food Company, Inc. Appropriates funds to acquire certain Dole Food lands.

The Board of Regents is currently updating its Board policy on land and its statements on their purposes, which include the promotion and support of the University's educational and research mission while advancing the principals of environmental stewardship and sustainability. This legislative measure may conflict with the University in meeting its mission.

Accordingly we request that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.