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Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify relative to SB 2800 which seeks to expand the jurisdiction and administrative authority over Honolulu harbor Piers 1 and 2 and the contiguous backup fast lands currently used for manifested cargo and passenger operations. This area is defined as all of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 and parcels A and B of the Forrest Avenue subdivision.

Specifically, I wish to testify on behalf of the University of Hawai'i relative to Lot 2. Lot 2 is the proposed site of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center. This site was previously selected owing to the close proximity to the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the obvious need to have synergy between the cancer center and the medical school.

We take very seriously the imperative that we have a fiscally and programmatically sound plan before proceeding. This was both recognized and endorsed by the Legislative and Executive branches of our State Government in enacting the cigarette tax in 2006. Since then, the University of Hawai'i has been working diligently over the past two years on a myriad of issues that need to be addressed before we break ground to include lease agreements, development agreements, programming, parking, partnership agreements etc. We have made considerable progress and look forward to moving forward on a facility that will truly benefit everyone in the State of Hawai'i.

We respectfully request that Lot 2 be removed from consideration in expanding the jurisdiction and administrative authority of the Department of Transportation.