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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB2235, SD1. I offer this testimony both in my capacity as Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer of the University of Hawai'i System, and as the former Chair of the Hawai'i Broadband Task Force.

The importance of broadband to our educational, economic, social, cultural and medical well-being in the 21st century is now well-understood and incontrovertible. While there are many differences of opinion about the level of services necessary and the means to achieve them, this measure would establish a visionary objective that everyone should be able to agree on.

As noted in the Final Report of the Hawai'i Broadband Task Force, establishing this shared vision in statute can only help as we all work together to identify and execute specific next steps to bring the vision to fruition.