



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 1584 HD2 – RELATING TO CARBON EMISSIONS

Chairs Kim and Wakai, Vice Chairs Kidani and Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of this measure that calls for a comprehensive study of a statewide carbon tax as a possible means of weaning the state off its dependency on fossil fuels and transitioning it toward clean energy sources.

While UH is staffed with the necessary researchers and specialist knowledgeable in the areas that need to be explored under this proposed tax, such a complex, multi-faceted study must be adequately funded by the State to ensure that UH can deliver accurate and comprehensive reports required by the Legislature. The University of Hawai'i is in support of the intent of this measure as long as the legislative appropriation to be considered is made in addition to UH's Biennium Budget Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.