



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 1584 – RELATING TO CARBON EMISSIONS

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and members of the committee:

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.

Currently, the proposed measure calls for the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) to conduct the study. The primary purpose of RCUH is to provide UH with professional and financial services that are required by extramurally funded projects. With its cadre of researchers and specialists knowledgeable in the areas that need to be explored under this proposed tax, the University of Hawai'i respectfully recommends that the measure be amended to have the designed funds appropriated to the UH to conduct the study, with RCUH providing the necessary personnel and fiscal support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.