



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HB 1669 HD1 – RELATING TO SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) is in support of HB 1669 HD1 which requires the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to establish a pilot program that will develop a Waikīkī adaptation and resilience plan to address the projected impacts of climate change and sea level rise in the Waikīkī special district.

As a complement to the excellent research, education and policy efforts put forth by both Hawai'i Sea Grant and the Climate Resiliency Initiative (formerly the Coastal Geology Group) in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, the College of Engineering's Coastal Erosion Shoreline Team possess additional research expertise in geotechnics, transportation, infrastructure and shoreline hardening that can provide working, technical solutions to this important pilot program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.