



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 2229 HD1 – RELATING TO COASTAL EROSION

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports HB 2229 HD1 which establishes and appropriates funds for UH to conduct a two-year study on the impacts of sand bag walls on sand movement patterns and coastal erosion at 'Ehukai Beach Park on O'ahu.

As a complement to Hawai'i Sea Grant's excellent research, education and policy efforts, UH Mānoa's College of Engineering has a Coastal Erosion Shoreline Team that brings to bear a cadre of research expertise in geotechnics, transportation, infrastructure and shoreline hardening that can provide working, technical solutions to this important study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.