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HB 2470 – RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Holt, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today on HB 2470. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports HB 2470, to the extent that Section 7 allows the UH President to be a voting member of the Stadium Authority.

Considering that the new stadium project is primarily for, and will rely on the UH use of the stadium as a major activity, it is prudent to ensure that UH is a contributing participatory decision maker in the Authority decisions.

The inclusion of the UH President to the Stadium Authority Board originated out of the recognition that UH athletics was a primary anchor of the stadium and a foremost purpose for the stadium itself. This purpose remains a prominent component of the planned new stadium and the broader stadium district project. Having the UH President, or their designee, serve in a full capacity on the Stadium Authority will ensure that the broader project and eventual operation of the completed project has the governance input and involvement of one of the primary users and beneficiaries.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.