HB 1091 HD2 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURES WITHIN SHORELINE AREAS

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai‘i Climate Resilience Collaborative (CRC) and Sea Grant College Program (Hawai‘i Sea Grant) support House Bill 1091 HD2.

This measure requires disclosure of all existing permitted and unpermitted shoreline erosion control structures on, and the annual coastal erosion rates for, parcels of land adjacent to the shoreline before real estate transactions.

CRC is a multi-investigator research project at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa focused on sea level rise adaptation and climate resilience. CRC is updating coastal models that project the impacts of sea level rise.

Hawai‘i Sea Grant’s mission is to provide integrated research, extension, and education activities that increase understanding and use of ocean and coastal resources of the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands and support the informed personal, policy, and management decisions that are integral to realizing this vision. Hawai‘i Sea Grant is part of a national network of 34 university-based programs associated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that promote better understanding, conservation, and use of coastal resources.

CRC and Hawai‘i Sea Grant would be happy to provide updated sea level rise data and projections to the Committee or any lawmaker upon request.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.