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HB 1091 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURES WITHIN SHORELINE AREAS

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, 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 SD1 and respectfully offer one comment.**

This measure requires disclosure of all existing permitted and unpermitted erosion control structures on the parcel and the annual coastal erosion rate for the zoning lot in real estate transactions when residential real property lies adjacent to the shoreline.

CRC and Hawai'i Sea Grant respectfully ask that the Committee reinsert the requirement that sellers of real property disclose all permitted and unpermitted erosion control structures on the parcel and associated with the parcel. CRC and Hawai'i Sea Grant have reviewed and support the precise amendment language proposed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources in its testimony at Page 4, lines 12 and 13 of the current SD1.

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.

CRC and Hawai'i Sea Grant support House Bill 1091 HD2 SD1 and appreciate the Committee's consideration of our comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.