



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 620 – RELATING TO VIOLATION OF PRIVACY

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of this measure.

Any misuse of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) due to privacy violations, unsafe acts or unauthorized usage that can harm or impede the general progress of UAS integration into Hawai'i's economic, public safety and educational futures -- must be mitigated.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), UAS industry, local UAS users and UH are working collaboratively to come up with the best technical and operational solutions, while fully enabling UAS-based innovation and economic development. The FAA and U.S. Department of Justice are separately pursuing national 'best practices' to inform federal rulemaking on privacy and rights protection, while the UAS industry is working on an 'electronic signature' that would give public safety and law enforcement full details for managing UAS in critical circumstances.

While it is inappropriate for UH to comment on the level of offense for privacy violations involving UAS, as an active participant in UAS development in Hawai'i, UH agrees that robust privacy protections are necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.