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## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 1140 – RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1140 relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources supports with amendments the intent of this bill and we respectfully provide the following information to substantiate our position.

The Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan was designed to address major issues including invasive species in our natural environment. The plan was well designed and fairly comprehensive. This bill seems to directly address PostTifs1.10 and possibly PostTifs1.8 of the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. By addressing the plan, already approved by the state, we stand in support of the bill.

Research has shown that fencing is a primary way of controlling invasive vertebrate species. This bill follows the consensus of the best research in the area that pertains to the Hawai'i condition.

We support the intent of this bill and suggest that it be amended to indicate the specific components being addressed in the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan as this will provide justification to allow the state to track the components of the bill that are being funded.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.