



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 458 SD1 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB 458 SD1, which seeks to further the discovery and development of geothermal resources in the state by establishing the University of Hawai'i Geothermal Exploration Special Fund for the Hawai'i Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center (HGGRC).

Based in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, HGGRC has the knowledge and expertise in geothermal exploration to help secure another clean energy source, as Hawai'i seeks to achieve a more sustainable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.