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SB 458 – RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES

Chairs DeCoite, Wakai and Kim, Vice Chairs Wakai, Elefante and Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

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

The HGGRC, based in UH Mānoa's heralded School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, has the knowledge and expertise in geothermal exploration to help the state secure another clean energy source in its drive to achieve a more sustainable future.

At the same time, UH recognizes and understands the concerns raised by the Department of Land and Natural Resources about this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.