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**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 1304 – RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1304 relating to pesticide drift monitoring which appropriates funding to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study.

The DOA in collaboration with University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience (CTAHR) initiated a statewide pesticide drift monitoring project in 2023. Funding for two years from 2023 -2024 was appropriated by the Legislature. CTAHR supports SB 1304 which appropriates additional funds to DOA to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study to ensure public health and safety with appropriate mitigation techniques and best management practices for agriculture and food production.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.