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Legislative Testimony

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SB 1331 – RELATING TO THE LAND STUDY BUREAU SOIL RATING SYSTEM

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1331 which requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD), in coordination with other agencies, to update the soil data used in the land study bureau soil rating system and create a mechanism for regular soil data updates and appropriates funds.

We support the measure and respectfully offer an amendment to SECTION 3., Page 4, line 2 to correct the name of the college to university of Hawaii at Manoa college of tropical agriculture and human ~~resources~~ resilience (CTAHR). The renaming of the college was approved in October 2024 to better align CTAHR's name to its land-grant mission of improving the human condition and human use of natural resources through research, education and Cooperative Extension.

CTAHR stands ready to cooperate with and assist OPSD as they implement this important work.

We support SB 1331 with the suggested amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.