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HB 1853: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Takai and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

HB 1853 proposes the financing of a capital improvements program (CIP) project at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Urban Garden Center in Pearl City, O'ahu. The Urban Garden Center is a program of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. This bill proposes an appropriation of \$4.72 million for a multi-purpose building to be financed from the general revenues of the State.

While we support the intent of the bill, we have reservations if the proposed appropriation replaces the priorities of the Board of Regents' CIP Budget for Supplemental Year 2004-2005.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1853.