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Chair Fukunaga, Chair Inouye, Chair Ige, and Members of their Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you on HB 515. As a representative of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and as an information professional with experience in developing corporate and academic information systems, I support this housekeeping bill. The University of Hawai'i has developed extensive systems of electronic records dealing with personnel and fiscal matters, as well as vast holdings of electronic records reflecting research results and library holdings. The use of electronic records has saved money by streamlining University procedures, has allowed the University to efficiently comply with State Tax Setoff reporting requirements (H.R.S. Sec. 231-51 to 231-53), and has allowed the library to serve the needs of students and state residences by providing electronic access to offices and homes, across campus and across the state.

By amending sections of Chapters 46 and 92, HRS, to authorize the current and future use of electronic records technologies, this legislation addresses the large number of electronic records currently maintained by the University. The language contained in HB 515 does not mandate any new requirements for the University. Instead, this legislation legitimizes a business practice that has been demonstrated to improve operational efficiency and increase access.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter.