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Chairs Kanoho and Ito, Vice Chairs Schatz and Chong , and members of the
Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today on House Bill 2398,
which would make the Hawai'i Ocean and Coastal Council permanent. The
University of Hawai'i is fully supportive of this measure.

The University has participated on the Hawai'i Ocean and Coastal Council and
believes that it has served an important purpose in our state, specifically by
providing recommendations on issues, priorities, and specific action items for the
Office of Planning to consider in their update to the State's Ocean Resources
Management Plan. We believe that the Council can continue to make an
important contribution to how we plan for and care for our Oceans and Coast
lines.

The University of Hawai'i would be very pleased to continue our contributions to
the important work of the Council.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.