



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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**House Concurrent Resolution 258 / House Resolution 198 – REQUESTING THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO NAME THE KOMOHANA
RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER IN HONOR OF TADASHI HIGAKI.**

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I support the intent of HCR 258 / HR 198, but not the resolutions' present form.

We greatly respect the contributions made to Big Island agriculture and Hawai'i's Cooperative Extension Service by Dr. Tadashi Higaki, and wish to commemorate his important role in the establishment of Hawai'i's floral industries.

At the same time, we wish to continue showing our respect for the service of Dr. John H. Beaumont, who during his 22 years with the college served as the chair of the Department of Horticulture, the Director of the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean of the College of Agriculture. Like Dr. Higaki, Dr. Beaumont made fundamental contributions to a Big Island agricultural industry: his research enabled the propagation of macadamia nut trees by grafting. CTAHR's researchers at the Komohana Research and Extension Center moved there from the Beaumont Research Station in Hilo, which has been transferred from CTAHR to UH Hilo.

We recommend naming the administrative and extension wing of the Komohana Research and Extension Center in honor of Dr. Tadashi Higaki and the research wing of the Center in honor of Dr. John H. Beaumont.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.