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HB 899, HD 1, SD 1 Relating to Integrated Strategies for Statewide Food and Energy Crop Production:

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Ostrander. I am pleased to offer my support for the intent of HB 899, HD 1, SD 1, Relating to Integrated Strategies for Statewide Food and Energy Crop Production, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as expressed in our Board of Regents-approved Executive Biennium Budget.

We appreciate the fact that this measure would provide much-needed resources for a critical sustainable agriculture strategies and education program. However, we wish to emphasize that there are other needs contained in our UH budget request that deserve consideration as well – and have been affirmed through the review process of our University administrators, Board of Regents, and Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.