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

Chair Menor, Chair Kokubun, and members of the Committees:

My name is Gary Ostrander. I am pleased to offer my support for the intent of HB 899, HD 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.