



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HB 2939, HD1 - RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i stands in strong support of HB 2939, HD1.

The measure appropriates funds for the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

In 2007, a team from Honolulu Community College (HCC) overcame long shot odds and won the 1st annual PISCES competition. In winning the competition, HCC students went up against some of the top schools in the nation. This was no small feat for a community college, but stands as a true testament of the kind of talent that our community colleges produce. This program is one of only a handful that gives small colleges the opportunity to compete head-to-head with heavyweight educational institutions. We are happy to wear the inaugural crown and look forward to future competitions.

We respectfully request your support of HB 2939, HD1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Regents approved Supplemental Budget Request.