



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 2701 – Relating to University of Hawai'i

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

HB 2701 establishes statutorily a task force to develop a strategic plan to increase the commercialization of University of Hawai'i's research. The role of the task force will be to develop a plan that includes goals, action steps and guidelines for this purpose.

The University of Hawai'i System supports the idea of such a task force to enhance research commercialization at the University of Hawai'i. However, legislation is not required to make this happen since President Greenwood is committed to begin such an effort in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.